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Browdy Elected Head Of ZOA; Pledges Will Seek Silver's Counsel

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Zionist Organization of America this week averted the threat of a fight over the presidency vacated through the surprise death of Daniel Frisch by a peaceful election of Benjamin G. Browdy of Brooklyn to fill out the unexpired term.

The election was held at a specially-convened meeting Sunday of the ZOA Administrative Council, which left unchanged the July 4 Chicago date for the next ZOA convention. Frisch died March 7.

Despite widespread reports that powerful factions would seek to prevent Browdy's election in favor of a better-known Zionist leader, the naming of the Brooklyn industrialist and textile leader came off without any opposition. The vote of the Administrative Council was unanimous.

IDEA OF THREE-MAN HEAD TURNED DOWN

The powerful Inner Committee of the ZOA met earlier last week to work out the strategy. None of the members of the Inner Committee would divulge any information on the closed meeting but The POST learned from reliable sources that the meeting heard a proposal for a praesidium of three to run the ZOA until the July 4 conclave.

Browdy, who was one of the ZOA's national vice presidents and a close friend of the late president, accepted the presidency with a significant reference to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Frisch's predecessor, and Louis Lipsky, key figure in the opposition to the Silver-Neumann leadership.

Browdy said he could not lay claim to "any political sagacity" and emphasized that he would seek the "benefit of advice . . . and sage counsel of the outstanding leader of American Zionists, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver."

WILL ALWAYS TURN TO DR. SILVER

Browdy referred to Rabbi Silver as his "Zionist guide and mentor," and expressed the hope that Silver would "continue to be so for many more years to come."

He also said he would seek the guidance of Dr. Neumann and Lipsky, now chairman of the American Zionist Council.

The proceedings were started by a resolution adopted at the earlier Inner Committee meeting, read by Rudolph G. Sonneborn, chairman of the Administrative Council and himself one of those mentioned in the candidacy talk that preceded the Sunday election.

The resolution said that Browdy had displayed "fine leadership and administrative abilities of a high order" when he was acting president during Frisch's trips to Israel.

WILL FOLLOW PROGRAM OF FRISCH

The resolution said it was "the implied wish" of the late president that Browdy "continue in charge of the unfinished work" and then recommended his election.

Browdy, in his acceptance speech, pledged "his every ounce of energy, every minute of time that I can possibly spare as long as I am privileged to work and continue in his (Frisch's) stead."

He said he would try to carry out the Frisch program both in Israel and America, and that he hoped his long business experience would be an "asset" in his coping with the administrative problems of the ZOA which he called "a huge business enterprise."

He promised that there would be no "snap decisions on important matters of Zionist policy, or . . . haphazard decisions, prompted by individual bias, or secret deals."

Dr. Neumann pledged his loyalty to the new president although, he said, he reserved the right to disagree.

B'nai B'rith Convention Votes Aid To Wildacres As National Project

National Jewish Post

WASHINGTON—Frank Goldman of Lowell, Mass., was re-elected president of B'nai B'rith this week, defeating Philip Klutznick of Chicago in what was believed to be the first floor contest for the presidency in the history of B'nai B'rith.

WASHINGTON—An unprecedented election struggle marked the closing sessions this week of the triennial convention of the B'nai B'rith, the nation's largest Jewish organization.

Earlier reports that Frank Goldman planned to retire, to be succeeded by Philip Klutznick of Chicago were upset when Klutznick let it be known that he was ready to run at the same time that Goldman was nominated for another term.

Succession in the presidency of the B'nai B'rith usually is worked out in advance of convention and floor fights are almost unprecedented.

KUSWORM NOMINATES

Goldman was nominated by Sidney G. Kusworm of Dayton, the Order's treasurer.

Women were voting this time for the first time in the history of B'nai B'rith national conventions.

The convention previously had adopted a resolution in support of the Wildacres Institute as a national project.

Another major resolution called for a committee to be set up to study the entire range of B'nai B'rith activities

in relation to Israel.

The Wildacres resolution asked the giant fraternal order to enter the field of informal adult Jewish education. It was presented by District Grand Lodge No. 5, which has held two such institutes at Wildacres, North Carolina.

The convention also went on record as favoring withdrawal of the National B'nai B'rith Bowling Association from the American Bowling Congress if the ABC continues its policy of rigid exclusion of Negro bowlers.

The Wildacres programs won national attention as a practical approach to revitalizing the interest of U. S. Jews in their cultural and religious heritage. (NJP July 9, 1949)

The resolution instructs the president of B'nai B'rith to name a permanent committee to be known as the B'nai B'rith Institute Committee.

Functions of the committee, as outlined in the resolution, will be:

1. To encourage the organizing of institutes of Judaism "for the study of the entire panorama of Jewish knowledge, by districts

and subordinate units of B'nai B'rith;"

2. To enlist the cooperation of the existing departments of B'nai B'rith and their staff members "for advice and guidance in the sponsorship" of such institutes;

3. To furnish advice and guidance to districts and smaller B'nai B'rith units concerning programs and speakers, serving as a clearing house for techniques and information on adult Jewish education through summer institutes.

Delegates from District 5 disclosed that plans were already under way for the 1950 Wildacres Institute. District one, which includes New York, New England and part of Canada, has arranged an institute and other B'nai B'rith units are making institute plans, it was learned.

Pledges of \$350,000 to the Henry Monsky Foundation were announced at the opening session of the four-day conclave. The foundation was established last year in memory of the leader who was president of the Order from 1938 until his death three years ago.

President Frank Goldman reported that "notable" progress has been achieved in B'nai B'rith activities in Israel, where the organization now has 30 lodges, of which 10 are in Tel Aviv.

N. Y. Anti-Bias Unit Set For Business Dip

NEW YORK—The N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination is prepared to fight layoffs of younger persons because of religious or racial bias, if a drop in business should develop, it was disclosed this week.

Commissioner Caroline K. Simon told a meeting of N. Y. Social work agency representatives and youth guidance workers that the commission has already given much study to the issue.

She said the commission was ready to swing into action for young people, who would be the first to suffer discharges in a business drop, if bias can be proved to be the basis for the dismissals.

ANTI-SEMITES EXPEL APOSTATE FROM EXCLUSIVE CLUB; KILLS SELF

LONDON—A British Jew who joined the Catholic church committed suicide two weeks ago after he was expelled with four other Jews from an exclusive club in Rome, it was reported this week.

The Rome correspondent of the Jewish CHRONICLE of London reported that Kurt Gottlieb, a naturalized British citizen, killed himself after being expelled from the exclusive Circollo della Caccia Club.

Sir Victor Mallet, British ambassador to Italy, resigned his membership in protest. The club committee includes a number of notorious anti-Semites.

Social Workers Study Judaism

National Jewish Post

CLEVELAND—A group of 17 social work students at the School of Applied Social Science at Western Reserve University here, wind up each weekly class in a non-credit course in Judaism by holding Mincha services.

The course, a supplementary one-hour class, is led by Rabbi Jack Herman of Community Temple.

When one of the students announced recently that he was in mourning, the men in the class volunteered to remain after the lecture to join in the afternoon prayer service so that the mourner could recite the Kaddish.

With approval of university authorities, the course in Judaism was introduced by the Cleveland Jewish Community Centers as part of a plan of the national Jewish Welfare Board to increase Jewish interests among social workers, who are generally considered as having thin Jewish identifications.

Rabbi Steinberg Dies At Age Of 46

NEW YORK—Rabbi Milton Steinberg, a leader in the Reconstructionist movement in Conservative Judaism, died Monday at his home after a brief illness at the age of 46.

He had been spiritual leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue since 1933 and ranked as a leading expositor of Jewish issues through his pulpit, the lecture platform and his writings, which included four books.

He was a member of the editorial board of the "Reconstructionist" and a frequent contributor. He was active on the education committee of the Zionist Organization of America and a member of the editorial board of the ZOA's "New Palestine."

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and his parents.

Boston Christian Woman Makes Career Out of Lecturing Publicly on Yiddish Literature

BOSTON—A young Christian woman who has made a partial career out of writing and lecturing on Yiddish literature is profoundly convinced that the great vernacular tongue of the Jewish people has been "wronged."

Mary Ready Holmes, who took up the study of Yiddish as a hobby, told the Boston Jewish TIMES that it simply isn't true that Yiddish is a jargon without grammar or vocabulary.

Her interest in Yiddish dates back to six years ago when she took some extension courses at Harvard University.

These included some classes with Dr. A. A. Roback, former Harvard psychologist and now head of Emerson college psychology department. Dr. Roback's hobby is Jewish culture, on which he is a ranking authority.

She told the Boston-Jewish weekly that one day, Dr. Roback asked her if she would be interested in reading a biography he had written on Peretz. Only mildly interested, she agreed, explaining she had figured on skimming through it.

Fascinated, she went on to read his work in English, and from him, to Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch and other famous Yiddish artists.

Then she decided to do what few American-born Jews do—learn Yiddish. With the aid of a Yiddish-English dictionary Dr. Roback gave her, and an elementary Yiddish book, she started work.

She said her husband, who thought at first she was a little "wacky," now is very proud of her accomplishment.

The reactions of Gentile groups to her lectures are "terrific," she said.

She also addresses mixed groups and reports that Jewish listeners approach her and tell her "I've learned a few things." Some tell her that her pronunciation of Yiddish is better than theirs.

She said she was surprised that "most Jewish people to whom I mention the names of various Yiddish authors admit with a shrug that they have never heard of them."

New York

INVESTMENTS MUST REPLACE UJA
SO AID TO ISRAEL CAN BE STABLE

By M. Z. FRANK

Israel needs more Jews and more means to settle more Jews. Every Jewish community in the world must contribute to Israel means and manpower, in accordance with the circumstances.

The United Jewish Appeal is today the primary method for contributing financial means. Tomorrow, the UJA may split into the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Palestine Appeal and the UPA may become the means. In time, the gift contributions may be reduced or cease altogether. One must anticipate the changes ahead.

The UJA is built on an emergency basis and employs tear-jerking methods. It is perhaps the best and only way under the circumstances, but it has two disadvantages: Such methods are by nature temporary, and lower the dignity of Israel. The Israeli, an understandably proud people, feel offended when they see their country pictured as one large poorhouse.

Investments in Israel enterprises are likely to become the more permanent and in the long run beneficial method of helping Israel. It is certainly a more dignified way, stressing participation rather than philanthropy.

AT PRESENT, INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL, through the Palestine Economic Corp., through the AMPAL, and through individual enterprises, lag behind contributions. It is necessary to step up investments so as to have them outstrip contributions. When the former reach a satisfactory figure, the latter can gradually be dropped. When the time comes and American Jews invest in Israel to the tune of 250 million dollars per year, it won't matter if contributions drop to 20 million. But when contributions drop to say, 50 million before investments reach the 100 million mark, it will be a calamity. It is important to see to it that no such gap appears in the transition from contributions to investments.

The movement of American Jewish manpower to Israel will not only give the country the type of human material which can be of great benefit to its growth; it will not only insure the strengthening of Western democratic traditions and American tendencies in Israel; it will also attract more American capital and keep alive the interest of American Jewry in Israel. A family in New York, in Chicago or Cleveland which has one of its members settled in the Negev will be more interested in Israel than if it has no family ties with the country. An American setting up in a business in Tel Aviv can get his rich uncle to invest in his business perhaps more readily than the PEC can get the same uncle to buy stocks. Another uncle may have no faith in his nephew's business ability, but the nephew's nagging will have the indirect effect of loosening him up for the PEC. There are all sorts of uncles in this world.

Maybe the PEC should finance propaganda for chalutzit?

Eliezer Liebenstein is a strong advocate of the dissemination of American and Western democratic ideas in Israel. Although a leading member and theoretician of the ruling party, Mapai, he founded a magazine in which other members of the party participate. "Beterem," the most important political and social magazine in Israel, is an inter-party organ.

The English and the Americans have developed a practice which the continental Europeans and especially the East Europeans have

yet to learn—cooperation among members of different parties. It is with that in mind that Liebenstein has established and has been running "Beterem."

IN "BETEREM" I often find articles expounding the point of view of the religious groups (and incidentally the magazine and its editor take a very sympathetic and positive view of Jewish tradition), criticisms of the Government policy, and of the policies of Mapai, with regard to domestic and foreign affairs.

"Beterem" started out as a bi-weekly; when its editor became both a member of Knesset (and a member of its foreign relations and economic committees) and also the editor of the Mapai party organ, the daily HADOAR, the magazine became a monthly. Now Liebenstein seeks to convert it into a weekly. Written partly in a somewhat more popular style, a weekly "Beterem" could easily become a powerful influence in Israel. Its high standards, its championship of the western democratic ideas in their best form are very important for the

present formative stage of the country's development. American Jews who are able to look far enough ahead, ought to be interested in propagating the best in American ideas in Israel.

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Israel is confronted with the need to improve the productivity of its labor in its endeavor to attract foreign investments and increase exports. Improvement of productivity is not the whole story but it forms a very important part of the fight.

You'd never think that had anything to do with a most charming and interesting lady, but it has. The name is Stella Rabinowitch. I ran into her one morning some weeks ago, the second day she arrived, when Bert Goldstein, president of Pioneer Women, introduced us. She is a native New Yorker, lived in Baltimore, San Francisco and Philadelphia and is a sister of Mrs. Ethel Agoron of Jerusalem. In November, 1926, she cut her course short at Berkeley University to go to Palestine to visit her sister. She was no Zionist had no Jewish background, knew not a letter in the aleph beth. But in Palestine she was bitten by the bug. Now she is here on a mission by the Histadrut to place 40 workers from Israel in various factories in the country where they can learn the American "know-how" and become more productive. Stella, now a resident of Ramat Gan ("Garden Heights," a suburb of Tel Aviv) told me in excellent Hebrew just what her mission is. The workers are going to spend three months at such trades as mechanics, textiles, printing, food processing, shoe making, and bottle making; and go back to Israel better workers. Some of her wards have been especially picked by their employers to learn a specified skill.

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The American Technion Society, in organizing a special tour to Israel of manufacturers to display the latest American machinery, have rendered the cause of Israel's technical progress a similar service. Israel manufacturers could examine the gadgets and see how far they could apply them in their own country. Now a second tour is being arranged.

What brought this to my mind is the recent publicity by the Society of its Yearbook. An excellent volume.

I hope to be able to write about it more in the near future.

FACT WITH URUGUAY

TEL AVIV—An agreement for \$3,200,000 has been reached with Uruguay whereby Israel will import frozen meat, untreated wool, sunflower seeds and rice, and will export to Uruguay polished diamonds, artificial teeth, dental drills, bottled wines and liquors, olive oil and oil primus stoves.

I Think As I Please

A BIT OF RESEARCH INDICATES
JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS RARELY DIE

By CARL ALPERT

Helen Cohen inquired, not long ago, whether Jewish organizations in America ever went out of existence, or whether they simply continued to multiply, adding letterhead to letterhead, committee to committee and appeal to appeal. I fished out my copies of the American Jewish Year Book and made a quick check.



ALPERT

Of all the national Jewish organizations listed in 1900, only six have disappeared from the scene, and five of these were fraternal orders, which arose and died by the score in the early days. The other organization was the Hebrew Sabbath School Union of America, centered in Cincinnati, and probably absorbed by one of the Reform bodies.

The defunct orders were: the Improved Order of B'nai B'rith, which apparently lost out in competition with the B'nai B'rith we know, the Independent Order of the Western Star, the Order Keshet Shel Barzel and the Order Knights of Zion. The latter was a Chicago group which was shortly absorbed by the Federation of American Zionists.

Some of the 1900 societies still function under different names, like the Society of American Cantors, which fifty years ago boasted ten members, and the National Conference of Jewish Charities, which today does business as the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare funds.

TWO GROUPS WHICH FLOURISHED in 1900, but which have little more than a paper existence today, are the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the Baron de Hirsch Fund. The Jewish papers never hear from these organizations, but each probably has an endowment fund, and just enough vitality to spend the income for bare existence. Both are still listed nearly 50 years later.

Next I inspected the list of national Jewish organizations in 1925. No doubt there had been numerous other groups which had been organized and which had disappeared again in the quarter of a century, but I wanted to get a long range view. Of the 1925 list, only thirteen have gone out of existence.

There were the American Zion Commonwealth, the Educational League for the Higher Education of Orphans, Hal Resh Fraternity, Independent Order Sons of David, the Jewish Agricultural Experiment Station, the Jewish Ministers' Association, the Jewish Mothers' Alliance of the United States, the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society, the Jewish Valor Legion, National Federation of Ukrainian Jews, Order Knights of Joseph, Order of United Hebrew Brothers, and finally, Zeire Zion Hitachdut of America, a Hebrew culture society, with M. Rudensky as president.

ONCE AGAIN there were bodies which have since changed their names, or which were amalgamated. For instance, there were the Jewish Veterans of the Wars of the Republic and the Jewish War Veterans of America. The National Association of Jewish Community Center Secretaries, was probably the forerunner of the Association of Jewish Center Workers.

We find still another paper organization, the American Pro-Falasha Committee, which still holds a mysterious lease on life today.

The Jewish Mothers' Alliance, which had been founded in 1916, had a noble and ambitious purpose: "To unite all the Jewish women of the United States and promote in each and every way possible the interest of the Jewish people, and to that extent to provide ways and means to relieve those that are in distress."

RECENT YEARBOOKS, too, list organizations which seem to have outlived their usefulness, or about which little is known. Last year's volume, for instance, records the Alexander Kohut Memorial Foundation, the American Biblical Encyclopedia Society, a group called American Jewish Youth, which seeks "to protect American institutions and the rights of all men," and still another known as Association Pour Le Retablissement des Institutions et Ieuvres Israelites en France et Dans Ses Possessions d'Outremer. These are from the section of "A's" only. You can imagine how well organized we are in the remaining twenty-five letters of the alphabet.

Someone should make a more thorough study—but this much is clear. Our organizations multiply like rabbits and seem to carry the proverbial charmed lives of cats.

JEWISH ANTI-RED LEAGUE JOINS
FIGHT ON N.Y. TEACHERS UNION

NEW YORK—The newly-formed veterans division of the American Jewish League Against Communism was one of the signers of a petition this week asking the New York Board of Education to withdraw recognition of the Communist-line Teachers Union.

The union recently was ousted, along with its parent body, the United Public Workers, from the CIO on charges of Communist domination.

The Joint Committee Against Communism in New York schools said the "continued recognition of the Teachers Union constitutes an implied approval of a pro-Communist organization."

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, coordinator of the joint committee and executive secretary of the Jewish anti-Red League, said that the resolution was not anti-

labor and not aimed at individual members of the union.

Rabbi Schultz said that the issue had nothing to do with academic freedom or with freedom of speech.

IT AIN'T HAY

TEL AVIV—Seventy thousand dunams of winter crops and 25,000 dunams of summer crops were sown in the Negev area this year. Another 10,000 dunams are already being ploughed for sowing next year's summer crops.

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AJ Committee Gets Israeli Vow: No U.S. 'Ingathering' Plans

BLAUSTEIN REPORTS ON PRIVATE PARLEYS

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Committee, pursuing its role of watchdog for U.S. Jewry against "world Jewish nationalism," recently obtained specific assurances from Israeli officials that the Israel Government is not planning any "campaign for mass immigration of American Jews to Israel," it was revealed this week.

The disclosure was made in a detailed report to the membership of the non-Zionist AJ Committee, conservative U.S. Jewish civic defense agency, by its president, Jacob Blaustein.

A TOUGH WARNING

The report disclosed also that the AJ Committee warned the Israeli officials that it was maintaining a close watch on Israeli activities and would "react sharply" if actions were taken or statements made on behalf of the Israel Government which the AJ Committee regarded as harmful to the status of U. S. Jews.

In a series of major disclosures on recent events in this area of relations between U.S. Jews and Israel, the report also revealed that:

1. AJ Committee officials have been conferring on the issues with top Israeli officials, including Ambassador Eliahu Elath, United Nations permanent representative Aubrey Eban, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, and with Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency.

2. They have also been negotiating with the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, in renewed efforts to persuade that group to stop its attacks in the general press on U.S. Jewish supporters of Israel.

3. Continued talks with Council officials, particularly President Lessing Rosenwald, indicated that the Council's basic philosophy, as disclosed in those talks, amounts to an "extreme and sweeping anti-Israel position," and that efforts to win an agreement proved to be futile.

4. AJ Committee surveys of Jewish "nationalist" material in the general press indicated that the volume of such material is negligible, a finding which torpedoed the Council's contention that it must use the general press as an offset to Zionist "nationalist" material in that press.

5. Rosenwald has informed the AJ Committee in writing that the Council will not stop using the general press.

6. Berl Locker repudiated the statements of Eliahu Dobkin, a member of the Jerusalem Jewish Agency section, calling on all U. S. Jews to plan to emigrate to Israel.

7. Only a minority of American Zionists is committed to such extreme concepts of Zionist philosophy.

8. The AJ Committee will make regular studies to measure the degree to which U.S. Jews have accepted such extremist philosophy.

9. The National Community Relations Advisory Council's never-explained delay in issuing its condemnation of the Council until last January was due to a fight by the AJ Committee against it.

10. The decision of the NCRAC coordinating agency for all U.S. Jewish civic defense agencies, including the AJ Committee, to limit the condemnation to the Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish press, was the result of the demands of the AJ Committee. The blast originally had been planned for the general press.

WHEN IT STARTED

Blaustein's report, dated March 10, presented a summary of the AJ Committee's activities, following the storm that developed

the AJ Committee leaders understood that the emergence of Israel had created fundamental and complex problems for which no ready-made solutions were available.

IT TAKES TIME

"An extended period of time will be required before attitudes, policies and programs can be expected to crystallize in Israel itself, in the Zionist movement outside of Israel and in the American Jewish Community.

"This period will necessarily be characterized by considerable confusion, with proponents of world Jewish nationalism pressing for policies reflecting their ideology, but meeting with resistance on both practical and ideological grounds."

The Chicago resolution instructed the AJ Committee officers "to remain vigilant to prevent such incidents (of possible interference by Israeli officials in the lives of U. S. Jews) or statements of a harmful character; and to intensify and make more effective the educational program already initiated by the American Jewish Committee in this country, bearing on the relationship of American Jews to America and to Israel."

WHAT THEY DID

Blaustein quoted the resolution and then proceeded to report on what he and other officers had done and were contemplating doing "in carrying out this mandate."

"In the weeks following the Chicago meeting, either alone, or together with Irving Engel, chairman of our executive committee, I had very outspoken talks in this country with several Israeli officials, including Ambassador Elath, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, and Berl Locker, chairman of the Jerusalem division of the Jewish Agency."

THEY TOLD 'EM

Blaustein said it was "our purpose—and I think we accomplished it—to make it unmistakably clear to these gentlemen that our acceptance of the Ben-Gurion clarification could not be interpreted as complacency regarding the basic issues."

The AJ Committee chief, reporting on his conversations with Elath, said he "expressed our continuing concern lest adherence to the Basle Program of 1897, which provided the Zionist platform, might lead to Israeli interference with the life of American Jewry."

Blaustein said that Elath told him that "it is recognized in Israel that that program has in some respects become impracticable, and both he and Mr. Sharett gave assurances that their government is not contemplating any policy regarding immigration from the United States which the

They Were Told



ELATH



LOCKER

No Interference

American Jewish Committee would find objectionable."

ABOUT MR. DOBKIN

Blaustein also revealed that he had raised the issue of the statements of Dobkin on U. S. Jewish immigration to Israel. Dobkin has become the favorite target of U. S. anti-Zionists for his unabashed demands that all U. S. Jews begin planning immediately to emigrate to Israel.

The AJ Committee president said he had talked to Locker about Dobkin and that Locker "while stating that Israel has need for immigrants from this and other English-speaking countries, dissociated himself from attempts to bring Israeli pressure to bear to this end."

Blaustein summed up the talks by saying that "we have again used our good relations with the Israeli both to prevent statements of a harmful character, as we were instructed to do, and apprise them that we are watching closely their policies as they affect American Jews and are prepared to react sharply if occasion warrants."

LOCAL PLANS, TOO

In connection with the other problem—that of an educational program for U. S. Jewry—Blaustein reported that Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston was heading a committee working on such a program. Ehrmann is chairman of the group's administrative committee.

For the future, Blaustein said that "at this time, there is actually no expressed official Israeli policy with which we have any call to take definite issue."

"As for American Zionists, our best information leads us to the belief that only a minority is committed to world Jewish nationalism, and that the promoters of that concept are meeting powerful resistance."

He said that "knowing that 'nationalists' are trying to capture the Zionist movement and indoc-

trinate Jews generally, we propose among other things to make studies from time to time to determine the extent and intensity of 'nationalist' attitudes among American Jews and, on the basis of these studies, to take such measures currently as seem appropriate to counteract these attitudes."

Blaustein then took up the story of the AJ Committee's parley with the Council.

MET WITH COUNCIL

He said that on Dec. 16, he and Engel and Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president, met with Rosenwald and two associates.

"My colleagues and I came away from the December 16 conference with somewhat of a hopefulness regarding the eventual outcome of our negotiations with the Council," Blaustein reported. "While declining to commit himself categorically to our suggestion that, as long as negotiations were in process, the Council should refrain from the type of statement in the general press which we deplored, Mr. Rosenwald did agree to give it earnest consideration and, as a matter of fact, the Council did refrain."

There followed some discussions at the staff level, including a report from the AJ Committee on a memorandum covering "the kind of publicity sponsored by the Council which we find objectionable."

THE NCRAC BLAST

At that point, however, a new development occurred, Blaustein reported, in a reference to the concurrent negotiations by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which ended in a public condemnation of the Council.

Blaustein related the efforts of the AJ Committee to forestall the public blast at the Council "which in our opinion would merely have compounded the error of the Council in inviting the general public to be onlookers at an intra-Jewish fight, thereby increasing anti-Semitism and further spreading unfounded suspicions that a substantial segment of American Jews is guilty of dual loyalty."

The AJ Committee president said that he knew such efforts were only temporary and that the AJ Committee was trying to "hold the line within NCRAC if at all possible, but that we might find ourselves constrained to join in some statement."

Blaustein said he passed that information on to Rosenwald and (Continued on next Page)



JACOB BLAUSTEIN
A Mandate Was Given

last August in the U. S. Jewish community from a call by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to U. S. Jewish youth, urging them to come to Israel immediately. Ben-Gurion subsequently repudiated the statement.

The AJ Committee moved into the situation by calling a meeting with top officials of the Zionist Organization of America to discuss the issues. The results of those talks were discussed at an unpublicized meeting of the agency's executive committee last October in Chicago.

Out of the meeting came a formal AJ Committee resolution indicating that the issues raised by Ben-Gurion's repudiated statement, as well as by one along the same lines by the late ZOA president, Daniel Frisch, had been clarified to the AJ Committee's satisfaction.

BLASTED COUNCIL

Out of the same Chicago meeting came a resolution severely condemning the Council for its use of the general press. The two resolutions were part of an agreement worked out by the AJ Committee with ZOA officials. (NJP, Oct. 28, 1949, Nov. 4, 1949).

In his report, Blaustein said that "in accepting Mr. Ben-Gurion's clarification of the remarks allegedly made by him, we considered that though that particular chapter could be regarded as closed, we had no illusions that that settled the question of how American Jewry should relate itself to Israel."

He said that on the contrary,

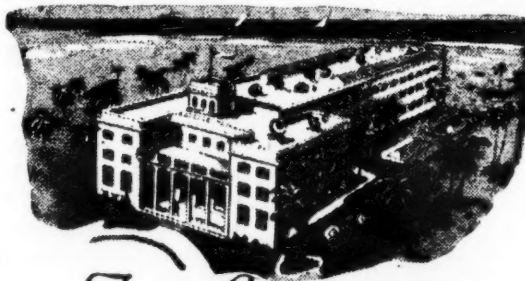
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ISRAELI MP URGES U.S. JEWISH KIDS STUDY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Ada Maimon, member of the Israel Parliament, urged American Jewish parents to send their high-school age children to Israel for two years' study in Jewish schools.

At a reception tendered her by the Pioneer Women of America, Miss Maimon, who is a delegate here from the Working Woman's Council in Israel, asserted that she hopes to tie the bonds between the American and Israeli organizations and to add impetus to the Pioneer Women's \$1,000,000 campaign for Moatzat Hopolot institutions for women, children and immigrant families in the Jewish state.

The education of American children at Israel's schools would benefit both countries, she said, serving to give a better understanding of Middle Eastern problems to the youngsters and would fill Israel's need for trained settlers, should they decide to remain in the Jewish State.

A Digest of the Yiddish Press

ZIONIST SAYS ISRAEL SENDING SECOND-RATERS AS EMISSARIES

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The Israeli nation has seldom received a sterner rebuke from a confirmed Zionist than the one which S. Lirlik administers in the JOURNAL. How long, he asks, is the U. S. to be subjected to the flood of mediocre visitors pouring in from Israel on so-called missions?

Of course, certain missions are important, Lirlik concedes. But most of them, he believes, are unnecessary and damaging. And whom do they send?

"Not first-class speakers, not important personages, not those who helped build Israel. Instead, we get second-raters and third-raters who have nothing to say. And the worst of it is that no one represents a united Israel, but each one comes as an ax-grinder for some party or institution. Who needs such schlichim (emissaries)? We've got enough of that merchandise in this country without having to import more."

Lirlik also condemns the schlichim for their poor taste, tactlessness, extravagance and their scornful attitude toward the Yiddish language. Citing an article by Zina Rabinowitch in the He-

brew paper HaDOAR, Lirlik tells how "schlichism" has infested South American countries, where poor Jews who never rode in an airplane or stayed at an expensive hotel are forced to entertain Israeli representatives in luxury for months on end.

The same is true in the U. S., fumes Lirlik, where the matter is becoming a downright nuisance.

"Most of these guests lack the tact even to conceal their high living. Besides, their propagandistic speeches are banal... how can a poor country like Israel afford to waste millions on this sort of thing, which produces no benefit, material or spiritual?"

"We plead once more with the Israel Government," concludes Lirlik. "Send us no more party representatives. Send only those who represent the Government and her interests... Don't send us anybody, and for Heaven's sake, beware of sending cheap and tactless propagandists, whose entire message consists of warnings that American Jewry is doomed... Such tactics do not lift the prestige of Israel and don't even help the Zionist campaigns for money."

Ada Maimon Sidesteps Religious School Debate

Another visitor from Israel is the Labor Zionist woman leader and member of the Knesset, Ada

Maimon (or Fishman, as she is called by the JOURNAL, which rather dislikes all the Israeli name-changing). Asked by a reporter about the controversy over religious education, Miss Maimon side-stepped the question with some statement that the matter of education should be left up to the parents.

Miss Maimon has to be cautious, for although she is a loyal Mapai member, her brother, Rabbi Fishman, is a staunch Mizrahi member, and as a member of Ben-Gurion's cabinet, has been attacking the Mapai over the alleged de-religionization of Jewish children.

Miss Maimon is now on a tour of the country under the auspices of the Pioneer Women. So far she has said little publicly over one of the sorest Labor Zionist problems: unity among the various organizations. ((S. Alef, the JOURNAL.

What Separates Sects In American Judaism?

Commenting on the appeal for a rapprochement between Reform, Conservative and Orthodoxy made at the recent Dallas meeting of the National Federation of Temple Men's Club, Dr. S. Margoshes writes in the DAY: "... the essential differences between the three sections have long ago ceased to matter. There are Reform Jews today who view with favor the observance of Jewish ritual... Orthodox Jews nowadays who think nothing of keeping their stores open on the Sabbath... Conservatives who are hardly distinguishable from Reform... I am afraid Jewish religious cooperation in the U. S. can be obtained on the ground (of a common indifference)."

Eight New Hate Papers Emerge In Germany

MUNICH—(WNS)—Eight new outspokenly anti-Semitic papers appeared in Germany during the month of February, with most of them aping the newspapers which appeared under the Hitler regime.

In the city of Cokkshaven, a paper called "Nationaler Ausbruch" came out with a program of "extreme German nationalism, uncompromising anti-Semitism and war against the Jewish bolshevik foe."

Rosenwald Says Must Protect Investment

UJA Official Explains 1950 Goal Hiked Partly As 'Psychology' Bid

National Jewish Post

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The 1950 United Jewish Appeal goal was boosted by \$22,000,000 over that of 1949 partly as a "psychological measure," William Rosenwald, one of the UJA's national chairmen, said here this week.

Rosenwald did not minimize the need for the extra money but explained that "a lower quota would have meant less giving, and nobody could pry a nickel more than last year out of a man who was convinced that because less money was needed he should decrease, rather than increase, his contribution."



ROSENWALD

The quota for 1949 was \$250,000,000, of which approximately \$130,000,000 was raised. For 1950, the UJA did not list a quota but set a minimum needs figure of \$272,000,000.

Rosenwald spoke at the quota-setting meeting of local UJA leaders, some of whom raised surprise objections to an increase in Elizabeth's quota. Rosenwald said he had noticed resistance to the UJA request for bigger quotas in other communities but that it was hardly a "realistic" attitude to take.

"We have made a half-billion dollar investment in Israel since the end of the war and as businessmen we have to protect it," he said.

He added that U. S. Jewish communities should regard their higher quotas as good, psychological business.

"We're over the hump," he said, referring to the solution of the Israel immigration program, "and we have accomplished many of our objectives."

AJ COMMITTEE WARNS ISRAELI AGAINST 'INVOLVING' U.S. JEWS

(Continued from previous Page)

to Sidney Wallach, consultant to agreement on both sides that they are deep and probably irreconcilable.

COMMITTEE DID IT

The AJ Committee continued its fight and Blaustein revealed, for the first time, that it was his group's opposition which led to a decision by the NCRAC to issue its condemnation of the Council only to the Anglo-Jewish and Yiddish press.

Blaustein disclosed that his group was reluctant to go along even with that compromise for fear it would disrupt the AJ Committee's simultaneous talks with the Council.

The decision to do so was based on the AJ Committee's belief that the "first consideration" was to keep the NCRAC blast out of the general press, as well as because the NCRAC "had cooperated with us a long time in postponing the issuance of any statement."

Rosenwald was not pleased with the development but the second meeting between the AJ Committee and the Council took place as scheduled on Jan. 30.

GULF TOO DEEP

"Again we spent several hours in frank discussion," Blaustein related. "This time, however, we probed more thoroughly than we had on December 16 into the differences between us, and before we wound up, there was an

"The long and short of it is that, out of our discussion on the Council's publicity methods, there emerged a crystal clear conviction on our part that these methods are themselves only a reflection of much deeper attitudes that are at total variance with our own."

One of the developments was a AJ Committee probe into the contention of the Council that Zionists use the general press for their nationalist propaganda and that the Council must therefore use the same medium for its anti-Zionist attacks.

COUNCIL OFF BASE

"Our own surveys, however, while unearthing numerous 'nationalist' statements in the internal organs of the Jewish community, revealed a paucity of such statements in the newspapers and magazines of general circulation," Blaustein said.

In a bid to get to the heart of the debate on that issue, the staffs of the two organizations had previously arranged that at the Jan. 30 meeting, the two agencies should exchange their definitions as to what constituted a nationalist statement.

"The Council's definition sufficed to convince us how far apart we are, for it was so broad as to be practically just a rationalization of an extreme and sweeping anti-Israel position," Blaustein said.

That report was regarded as particularly significant in view of the Council's repeated assertions, since the rebirth of Israel, that it is not opposed to the new state.

The meeting ended with a general understanding that "it would be useless for us to continue to meet that this time."

"I should add that on January 31, Mr. Rosenwald wrote me advising that his organization cannot agree to desist from the use of the general press," Blaustein said.

East Side Novel Out In April

NEW YORK—A. A. Wyn Co. will publish in April "The Wedding" by Hannah Stein, former newspaper woman and short story writer.

The novel is about an Orthodox Jewish family on the lower East side of New York.

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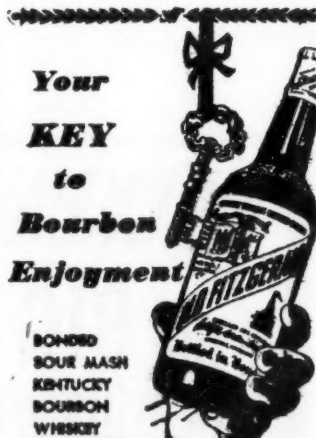
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Council Demands U.S. Rabbinate Back Its Fight On Sanhedrin

National Jewish Post
NEW YORK—The anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism has made a veiled threat to carry to the general press a new fight against proposals to re-establish the Sanhedrin in Israel if U.S. religious bodies do not support the Council on the issue.

The stand was disclosed in the current "Council News," official organ of the anti-Zionist body, which reported that the Council has decided that the proposal contains a threat to U. S. Jewry and intends to make opposition to it part of its program.

Focus of the Council move was a story in the N.Y. TIMES on Feb. 3, reporting on the meeting that month of Israeli Orthodox rabbis to discuss plans for a revival of the ancient central religious authority for all Jews.

COUNCIL SCARED

Disturbed by a statement in the story that the decisions of a new Sanhedrin "would bind religious Jews throughout the world," the Council moved into action.

Terming the proposal "an invasion and usurpation of the Judaism of Americans of Jewish faith" and a "program which would reduce Judaism from a universal to a national religion," President Lessing Rosenwald addressed letters to various U. S. Jewish religious organizations, lay and rabbinical, "calling their attention to the TIMES story."

The Council publication said the letters were sent to the Reform union of American Hebrew Congregations and Central Conference of American Rabbis; to the Conservative United Synagogue of America and the Rabbinical Assembly of America; the Union of Orthodox Rabbis and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Organizations; the ultra-Orthodox Agudas Israel and to the Synagogue Council of America, representing the three wings of America Judaism.

WHY IGNORED

The Council report gave no explanation for leaving off the list the Rabbinical Council of America, which initiated correspondence with Chief Rabbi Israel Helyev Herzog of Israel in favor of a new Sanhedrin.

Rosenwald asked each organization to report "as to what ac-

tion, if any, your organization contemplates taking on this problem."

The Council report also did not indicate that U. S. Reform spokesmen are already on record in opposition to a new Sanhedrin and that it has also been formally rejected by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis.

The Council story did not indicate that any of the organizations had replied to the Rosenwald letter.

TO GENERAL PRESS

The threat to take the issue to the general press was contained in a statement that a tentative Council opposition statement had been formulated and sent to the various organizations along with the Rosenwald letter.

The report said that Council's executive committee approved the action and also "authorized the issuance of a formal public statement by the Council if further publicity in the American press seems to warrant it and if the various religious groups fail to take action."

The Council statement called the proposal "a modern heresy and an objectionable and irresponsible abrogation of authority" for American Judaism.

WE DEPLORE IT

"As Americans, we deplore the linkage of church and state in Israel and the efforts of the Israeli rabbinate to increase its political power in the Israeli government," the statement added. "But the final solution of this internal problem is the responsibility of the government and citizens of Israel."

"We wish to make it unmistakably clear that our American Judaism is not and cannot be involved in this Israeli national problem," the statement said.

Visitors Must Obey Israel Ritual Rules--Herzog

By ASHER BIRNBAUM

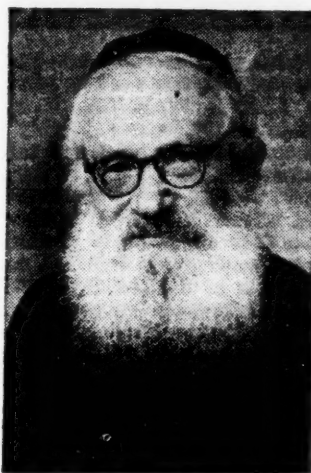
National Jewish Post Correspondent
JERUSALEM—(NJP)—In response to an appeal from visiting Anglo-Saxon students, Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog ruled last week that foreign Jews visiting Israel for extended periods should celebrate Jewish holidays according to the custom of the land.

Rabbi Herzog's decision was contained in a letter sent to Moshe Reinhold, director of the Institute for Youth Leaders in the Diaspora. Reinhold had asked for a clarification following disputes among the students over the proper length of observance for Succos and Passover.

The Institute, which trains leaders in a year-long course for work in world-wide Zionist youth movements, numbers some 40 Americans in its current session.

A religiously observant group among them raised the issue of the length of Succos observance. They celebrated the holiday a day longer than the Israeli in accordance with tradition abroad.

A newly-arrived group from England, part of a concurrent Leadership Institute course, argued that the same procedure



CHIEF RABBI HERZOG
Starting a Minimum Code?

would be in order for Passover. Both groups contended that since they were in Israel at the present only temporarily, they were subject to Diaspora custom. As a result, Reinhold asked for rabbinical guidance.

In his reply, Rabbi Herzog cited modern rabbinical and Mishnaic sources as proof that a 12-month visit to Israel is enough

to transform the newcomer into "a son of the land of Israel," and as such, subject to religious customs of Israel. The precedents cited contained examples of the importance traditionally attached to a year's visit to the Holy Land.

In his ruling, the Chief Rabbi mentioned another source which suggested that observance of the extra day in Israel is not only unnecessary but forbidden. The Chief Rabbi was not prepared, however, to insist that such observance constituted a sin.

In reaching his decision, the venerable scholar also noted an assertion that the students planned to return to Israel after fulfilling obligations to work with Zionist groups in their respective communities for a year or two.

He held that since they intend to return, their position in Israel is the same as that of resident Israeli who return to the country after long trips abroad.

The Chief Rabbi ruled that during the period the youth leaders spend in the United States and England, they will be expected to observe the extra day of the holidays as are Israeli Jews who spend the holidays abroad.

Methodist College Confirms Jewish Plea

BUCKHANNON, W. Va.—(WNS)—A. A. Schoolcraft, Dean of West Virginia Wesleyan college, confirmed in a letter to the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate that his institution "would like to be of service to a much larger number of Jewish students."

Dean Schoolcraft said that the

report carried by the Seven Arts Feature Syndicate about his request to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League to place him in touch with any Jewish agency through which interested Jewish students may be contacted, was correct in every respect.

At the same time the West Virginia Wesleyan college dean authorized the news agency to release his letter and quote it as extensively as necessary.

Civilians Permitted In No-Man's-Land

TEL AVIV—Civilians are now being permitted to settle in the no man's land area near Gaza which was divided between Israel and Egypt last week. The border has been pushed one kilometer west of Nir Am and Kekerot, putting the villages of Dimra and Dirsnet in Israel. Army patrols will guard the border.

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First Collective Set For British Jews

TEL AVIV—The first collective settlement of British Jews is being established near a former Arab village.

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Instructors will help them prepare their 3,000 dunams for cultivation and teach them how to handle cows and poultry. Eventually the settlement will have some 60 families, each paying 1,000 pounds for a two and one-half rooms concrete house. The Jewish Agency will grant loans of 1,250 pounds to help develop and equip each unit.

Menuhin Plans No-Fee Benefit For Israel

LONDON—Violinist Yehudi Menuhin has agreed to give a special concert in Johannesburg next week for the benefit of Israel and has refused to accept a fee for the concert, it was reported this week.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the Jewish CHRONICLE of London said that proceeds from the fund will go to the Israel Philharmonic and the Habimah Theater.

Israel and Egypt Sign Area Pact

TEL AVIV—Israel and Egypt have signed an agreement dividing the demilitarized zone between Beit Hanun and Deir Suneid and providing a demarcation line between the two countries. The agreement was signed at Auja by delegates to the Mixed Armistice Commission. Under the Armistice signed at Rhodes on February 26, 1949, the area was to remain a demilitarized zone and no-man's land.



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Names In The News

FINKLESTEIN OFFERS A SUGGESTION
TO FOES OF ALL-DAY JEWISH SCHOOLS

U. S. JEWS opposed to all-day Jewish schools were offered something of a suggestion on a method of diminishing the growth of such schools while preserving their basic values. The suggestion came from DR. LOUIS FINKLESTEIN, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, in a talk at the Mid-Century Institute on "religion in a World of Tensions" last week at Brown University. Arguing for a "spiritual interpretation of life and the world" as the basis for modern public school education, the seminary leader said that those Jews—and Protestants and Catholics—who support day schools would probably continue to do so, even if such an approach could be woven into public school philosophy. But, said Dr. Finklestein, "they would probably be fewer than today."



Finklestein

For the Record

The recent opening of the House of Representatives session with a prayer by Rabbi NACHUM DAVID HERMAN of Brooklyn was widely described as the first time that such a prayer had been delivered by an Orthodox rabbi. In a polite disagreement, Rabbi DAVID DE SOLA POOL of New York, said that in the year 1872, Congress was opened with a prayer by Abraham de Sola, an Orthodox rabbi from Montreal.

The Rabbinical View

More confused than amused is the reaction of Rabbi DAVID ARONSON of Minneapolis, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, to the sights, sounds and values of Hollywood. The Minneapolis rabbi took time out from his study and lectures at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, to send a few impressions home to the American Jewish World. Sample reaction: "Here ARONSON is a woman whose second marriage was to a Jew. The woman was never converted to Judaism. The Jewish husband is dead. Her daughter by her first husband is preparing herself to become a nun. The woman is president of a synagogue sisterhood. This is Hollywood!"

The Dubious Research

The problem of tracing the exact degree of total assimilation of U.S. Jews—amounting to the trick

of tracing vanished shadows—was wrestled with this week by scholar MEYER WAXMAN. In an article in "Congress Weekly," Waxman offered a rough research technique: figuring that at least 50,000 German Jews came to the U.S. between 1830 and 1870, Waxman decided that many of them have completely assimilated, on the basis of the fact that most of the Reform congregations founded by those Jews have memberships now "largely of Jews of East European descent."

Denouncing the impact of the Emancipation on western Jewry as having fathered an "intellectual and moral degradation," famous writer-philosopher LUDWIG LEWISOHN this week demanded a new approach. Writing in the current "Jewish Frontier," the Brandeis U. faculty member said that "a new emancipation must be initiated" as the first step in building a Jewish future in America. He described it as "an emancipation from the sordid fallacies of scientific materialism, from the ominous identification of the state with society, from the cowardice which will not criticize our Gentile environment, as civilized Gentiles do daily, from that inner servility which consents to our being merely the object, never the co-determinants of the historic process in which we are involved."



LEWISOHN

The Fresh Outlook

The slaughter of six million European Jews was placed in historical context this week by Dr. FRITZ DORIS, head of the fast-growing Socialist Reich party in Western Germany, which wants an "elite" state under Prussian leadership patterned after Mussolini's corporate state. Doris, providing an interesting glimpse into the much-debated issue of how guilty Germans feel for one of history's blackest crimes, said every revolutionary period develops a dictatorship of the elite, and a single group as victims. He listed elimination of aristocrats in the French revolution, Catholics by Cromwell, and Jews by nazism.

The Reason Why

Inexhaustible EDDIE CANTOR made his first professional appearance Tuesday in New York in more than a decade, when he staged a one-man show at Carnegie Hall. But he doesn't intend to do any work in musical comedy, in which he first rocketed to

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26—"A Time To Build Up," by Joseph Mindel, a tale of the desert and man's fight against it, on the "Eternal Light" program 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26—Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, speaking on the third of a group of programs from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, celebrating the Reform seminary's 75th anniversary, on the "Message of Israel," 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28—Claude Rains in "Like Men Who Dream," a United Jewish Appeal program portraying the drama of Passover in Israel, 9 p.m. EST, Mutual.

fame. Explained the comedian: "If you're tied up on Broadway for two years, you have no chance to do anything for the people in Cleveland or Portland or the State of Israel."

The Issue Clarified

For those individuals who, in one way or another, profess to fear expansionist threats from Israel, Prime Minister DAVID BEN-GURION said it emphatically enough this week. He told roving N. Y. Times correspondent C. L. Sulzberger that Israel wants peace and that "we BEN-GURION want it on the basis of our present frontiers. Israel never had nor has it any intention of attacking or harboring aggressive intentions against the territory of others."



With the Rabbis

Rabbi D. A. JESSURUN CARDOZO, formerly an associate of Rabbi David de Sola Pool at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in New York was installed last week as spiritual leader of the Sephardic Jewish Center of the Bronx. He was recently rabbi of Congregation Mikveh Israel in Philadelphia.

Beth Israel Congregation of New Orleans announced the election as spiritual leader of Rabbi JOSEPH SCHECHTER of Norfolk, Va.

Rabbi SHUBERT SPERO has resigned as spiritual leader of Young Israel of Brookline and as

Report From Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD'S ISRAEL ART GALLERY
WILL START U.S. ROAD TOUR SOON

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

The Israel Art Gallery, which, in spite of an impressive roster of sponsors, has not been able to keep up with that Beverly Hills overhead, will hit the road soon for an extended tour of U. S. Jewish communities. One of the last functions for which the Gallery threw open its doors was a meeting of the Americans for a Progressive (the Hashomer Hatzair way) Israel, at which Mrs. Margot Brandstetter spoke on "Theatre, Films and Literature in Israel Today."



Wincenberg

It was a rather big field to cover in 40 minutes, but Mrs. B. was well qualified to attempt it. An authoress of note, as well as a publisher and literary agent in Israel, Mrs. Brandstetter is at present representing the interests of Israel Motion Picture Studios, Ltd., around Hollywood, and will, most likely, soon be able to offer the very latest in studio and technical facilities back at Herzliya (near Tel-Aviv) to Israeli, Hollywood and European producers.

Mrs. B., who would like very much to be able to bring some fresh Jewish-American drama and fiction to Israel, made a good many stimulating comments on the state of Israeli literature to her Gallery audience, which included a number of motion picture people, and at least one man whom I'm sure I've seen strutting across countless screens in Nazi uniform.

BEST MODERN ISRAELI FICTION come from Kibbutz-raised writers, who are creating their own literary patterns, Mrs. B. related. And by far the best writing in Israel today is poetry, where there is a solid Biblical and medieval tradition to lean on. Our religious traditions, on the other hand, appear to have blocked the development of any theatrical tradition, while in pagan countries, hero and ancestor worship produced drama and pageantry, aside from making an interesting line-up of deities available as dramatic personae. Israel's dramatists and fiction writers, it appears, have learned their lesson well, since even many works on modern themes appear too much influenced by our sacred writings in which the heroes are too white, and the villains too black (a point which leaves room for considerable argument).

Questions from the audience as to the prevalence of the Oedipus theme in kibbutz-literature, the number of first-rate symphony orchestras in Israel, and when does a kibbutz-nik find time to write his novel, were answered to everyone's satisfaction. The audience also learned that an Israeli best-seller may sell 15,000 copies to a potential reading public of half a million, that the gifted poet Alterman's ballad condemning the Ramleh massacre was reprinted in 150,000 copies by David Ben-Gurion for distribution to Israel's Armed Forces, and that, in spite of the high royalties demanded by the authors of successful Broadway plays, "what we want to show, we show."

Two breath-taking brunettes, straight out of a Gallo Wine billboard ad, dispensed the liquid refreshments.

CHORAL CONDUCTOR MAX HELFMAN, in a lively lecture sponsored by the University of Judaism, the next evening, took almost the opposite view of the effect left upon Jewish art by Biblical tradition. He was referring mainly to music, however, which, he felt, would still be existing unchallenged, when the Empire State Building had been scraped away to make room for a tall building.

Mr. Helfman's observations, such as: "the more we break the Sabbath, the larger the temples we build ourselves" seemed to produce a few embarrassed faces among those who shared the platform with him, though I have that purely upon the authority of a talented young lady violinist beside me, whose vision was reinforced by eyeglasses.

One of the ever alert friends of this column informs me that a film by some name like "Catskill Honey-moon," described as the "first Yiddish musical comedy," has quietly and unadvertised been showing downtown somewhere. The finale of the film is said to contain a "musical tribute to the State of Israel," which suggests that all of us are all set to pick up and head for overseas—a sentiment which not only comrades of the American Council for et cetera will consider inaccurate and unfortunate. Some expert checking, so far, has not managed to locate the film.

secretary of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Greater Boston. He will leave for Israel immediately after Passover.

Nice For Lovers
Of Cauliflower

TEL AVIV—A new species of cauliflower which grows when all other varieties are out of season has been perfected at Beth Alfa. With this new variety, which blooms in February and March, cauliflower will be on Israel's menu year-round.

Israel has concluded an agreement to purchase from France over one million dollars worth of frozen kosher meat, frozen fish, and timber for the plywood factory at Kibbutz Afikim.

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Women's Viewpoint

CAUSES OF RELIGIOUS DECLINE AREN'T IN CHANGES IN RITUAL

By HELEN COHEN

We have a friend who heartily and sincerely is opposed to anything that smacks of change in religion, and in the synagogue ritual in particular. So I left myself wide open for a lecture on the subject when I mentioned to her that one thing I disliked in the Reform service was the sight of a paid Gentile choir singing our traditional Hebrew melodies.

"See," she pounced, "that is why I am against making changes in our services, because as sure as I'm standing here that is what will happen—we'll end up with a professional non-Jewish group giving a meaningless program."

"You mean just because women are allowed to sing with men in the choir, that it must inevitably follow that pattern?"

"Yes, once women begin to sing in the choir, then it has to be fancy and you have trouble getting good voices, and you have to go out and hire singers, and there you are."

And she went on to recall how wonderful and inspiring the choir used to be in the days when there were only the male voices.

BECAUSE THERE IS A WIDESPREAD tendency to use the mistakes of Reform Judaism as the bugaboo of what must inevitably happen every time some needed or suitable change is made, it would be well to take a good look at her conclusion.

"Collier's" magazine ran a spread some months ago about the mammoth Salt Lake city choir, which has been a regular Sunday morning radio feature for years. This group, several hundred voices strong, has grown through the past four decades to be one of the most respected and renowned institutions in America. The article made a special point of the fact that the director has always insisted just as strictly on any applicant's devotion to his religion (of Mormonism) as to the quality of his voice. (The group has always consisted of course of both men and women).

So there is a partial answer to my friend's stand. If Jewish congregations wanted devout Jews singing traditional melodies at services, they should have insisted on that qualification among the prerequisites for choir members.

But the real answer goes beyond that. If the offerings of the Reform choirs degenerated into musical programs, devoid of deep religious meaning, sung by professional hirelings, it can't be laid either to change in itself or to the use of feminine voices. The answer will be found somewhere in the attitude of the congregations as a whole. If the entire group has become a stranger to spiritual feeling and devotion to its faith, how can one segment be expected to rise above the rest?

That is my reply to the lady who looks askance at change. Change won't hurt a group if the change is made in a spirit of love and devoted interest. Nor will lack of change in forms save a religion for a people who have abandoned it.

A sermon which would have been edifying to hear was announced in the February 10 Bulletin of Chicago's Anshe Emet Synagogue for the Friday evening offering: "Some Bachelors Tell Me Why They Won't Get Married."

In fact, if the contents of the sermon are forwarded to us, we'll be glad to pass on the information to our lady customers, that they might benefit thereby. Or should we assume that the real reason those men remain bachelors is because no female tried hard enough to land them?

I HAD an inkling of the meaning of immortality the other Shabbas as I glanced over at the tall, fine-looking young man who rose to repeat the mourner's Kaddish.

When the Daniel Frisch's moved away to New York from Indianapolis several years ago, their bright and talented son was just growing into the awkward stage.

There, in front of me at services, was Larry grown to manhood; and I could see that Daniel Frisch had handed on to him his finely molded head, the line of his jaw; the same fine impression of vitality and strength and—I'm sure—some of his great love for Judaism.

Israel Oranges Hit In England

HAIFA—Israel growers shipped 65,000 cases of citrus to Britain and 43,400 cases to Poland in one day this week.

The latest issue of the British Fruit Trade Journal says the Israel orange is "excellent and approximates most closely to the British conception of the perfect orange."

Five New Colonies In First Two Months

JERUSALEM — Five new settlements were established in the first two months of this year—two for new immigrants. Four are moshav ovdim (small-holder settlement); one kibbutz, Maskeret Batia is the old settlement, Ekron, which was enlarged recently by the addition of 40 newly arrived families from South Africa.

YOUR NAME

Conducted By
N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Farber Chankin

Joseph Farber, 744 Rockaway Ave., Brooklyn, writes:

Please let me know what my name means.

Farber is an occupational name. Its meaning is "Dyer." The dyeing industry is one of the oldest Jewish occupations, dating back to Biblical days. The vestments of the archpriest were dyed purple, blue and scarlet. Dyeing originated in the East and spread to Europe through the Jewish migrations in the days of the old Roman Empire. It is one of the great trades that could not have developed without Jewish participation. Another important purely Jewish trade was glass-making.

M. Anken, 5016 Carlos Ave., Richmond, Calif., writes:

If possible I would like to have you trace the derivation of my family name. My father was born in western Russia where, as far as I can make out, his name was originally Chankin or perhaps Hankin. (This spelling is a literal translation of his pronunciation of the name; as such it may be somewhat off). At present our family name, through improper usage, no doubt, has come to be spelled Anken.

Chankin is a metronymic, derived from a female ancestor whose Hebrew name was Chana (Anna). The name was affectionately diminutized into Chanke (Little Ann). The Russian termination "... in" means "son of"

What Foods These Morsels Be

PANCAKES, a definite must for Passover menus, are as varied as they are delicious.

FARFEL PANCAKES

2 cups matzo farfel 2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup water 1 teaspoon salt

Pour water over farfel, add beaten eggs and salt. Mix well. Fry in hot fat until golden brown. Serve with honey or syrup.

MATZO PANCAKES

2 matzos ¼ teaspoon pepper
2 eggs 3 tablespoons fat
½ cup water ¾ (about) cup matzo meal
1 teaspoon salt

Cut each matzo into four parts, moisten them, and place in a strainer set over boiling water. Let steam until soft. Combine water and matzo meal to make a soft batter, add salt and pepper, and spread on one side of the pieces of matzo. Heat fat in frying pan, place pieces of matzo in frying pan batter side down. Fry until brown. Then spread batter over top of pieces of matzo, turn, and fry until brown on this side also. The matzos may be omitted, and the batter dropped into hot fat by tablespoonfuls.

MATZO MEAL PANCAKES

3 eggs, separated ½ teaspoon salt
½ cup water ½ cup matzo meal

Beat yolks of eggs until very light; blend matzo meal with water and salt, mixing well, and add to egg yolks. Beat whites of eggs until stiff, and fold in. Drop by spoonfuls onto a hot-well-greased frying pan, and fry until brown on both sides, turning only once.

POTATO PANCAKES

Number 1
2 cups mashed potatoes ½ teaspoon salt
4 eggs, well beaten 1 cup cake meal
1 ½ cups water

Mix potatoes and eggs, stir in water, salt and cake meal. Mix well. Fry in hot fat until golden brown.

Number 2
3 cups raw potatoes, ¾ cup matzo meal
grated ½ teaspoon pepper
1 onion, grated 1 tablespoon salt
2 eggs

Drain grated potatoes, setting liquid aside. Mix potatoes with rest of ingredients, adding as much of potato liquid as necessary. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into deep fat heated to 375 degrees. Fry

N. J. Man Gives Chicks To Israel

NEW YORK—A gift shipment of 1,000 superior grade pedigreed hatching eggs which will be used to improve the breed of white leghorn flocks in Israel left New York for Israel via Air France

so that Chankin means "son of Anna." Chankin has the same meaning.

Do you know what YOUR name means? It isn't just a bunch of meaningless syllables. Find out what it means by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. His reply will appear in this column.

this week.

Gift of Benedict B. Stockhold of Harmony Farms, Lakewood, New Jersey, these will be the first hatching eggs to be sent to the State of Israel from the United States.

Israel Will Produce Champagne For Export

TEL AVIV—Israel is to produce champagne for export. An agreement for the establishment of champagne cellars was signed this week by the Nathanya Municipal Council and Israel and foreign investors.

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Ending the 'Kosher for Passover' Racket

There is one way and only one, by which the dishonest traffic in "kosher for Passover" labels can be stopped.

Last week the Philadelphia Council of Rabbis took occasion to denounce purveyors of kosher products together with those long-bearded Jews who parade as rabbis, misleadingly observing Jews to accept non-kosher food as kosher.

Unquestionably there is much abuse in the kashrut field but the rabbis are not blameless.

In some cases—and practically every Jewish community can unearth at least a few—rabbis ask exorbitant amounts as pay for giving their stamp of approval. In other cases, there is avid competition among rabbis for the "business."

The net effect is to harm the rabbinate as a whole, even though the offenders may not be too numerous.

What is necessary is a nation-wide system by which an application will be filed with a recognized Jewish authority every time a product is to be sold under a kosher label, not only for Passover, but at any time during the year. This authority would send out periodic lists to all rabbis all over the United States, and only products on this list would be allowed for sale in that community's stores, whether kosher butcher shops and delicatessens or the customary non-Jewish food stores of any kind.

The system set up by the Union of Orthodox Congregations works well for the products it

covers but only a comparatively small number of products, mainly of national distribution, get this endorsement. That program does not affect the evils prevalent in almost every local Jewish community.

The program suggested here for a national basis would have to be supported financially by the whole Jewish community, and would require acceptance on the part of the rabbinate of another important change.

The rabbis under the proposed program would not charge anything for giving their approval.

This would automatically achieve one improvement: It would drive out the poseur with the long beard. There would be no incentive for him to sell his co-religionists for a mess of pottage.

This system would work. It would work if the rabbis would cooperate. It would require some financing but this would be forthcoming from the U. S. Jewish community without much difficulty once the set-up was perfected. The agency to handle this would be the Synagogue Council of America, which, as you know, is composed of lay and rabbinical representatives of all wings of U. S. Judaism.

Sooner or later a system such as this will be put into effect. The sooner the better. After it became effective, it would act also to prevent price gouging by unethical manufacturers who seize this opportunity to profit on the religious convictions of a community.

Three Anniversaries Grouped

Yeshiva University recently graduated a class of 100 rabbis; the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati is observing its 75th anniversary, and the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago marks a quarter of a century of service to Jewish scholarship.

All of these significant occasions warrant grouping together in one comment. These three institutions offer undeniable testimony to the contention of The POST that a fruitful and even creative Jewish community is developing in the United States.

The two seminaries, one of Reform and the other of Orthodoxy, need no introduction to POST readers. These two—together with the other seminaries in the New World—provide the sturdy underpinnings for the future of American Judaism.

The College of Jewish Studies in Chicago may not be as well known to some of our readers. From five students meeting in a small room on Chicago's west side 25 years ago, the institution has grown into a student body numbering 719, and a commanding edifice on downtown Eleventh Street, which is the pride of the Chicago Jewish community.

While the seminaries graduate rabbis who

minister to the U. S. Jewish community, the College of Jewish Studies pours forth into the barrenness which is the American Jewish community of today, a cognate leadership which acts as a ferment in that Jewish community and stirs and awakens it, not only to its responsibilities to the Jewish institutions of learning, but also to its obligations to its own future.

The builders of these and other Jewish institutions in the U. S. have served the American Jewish community well. Without these indigenous halls of study, Judaism would face a perilous future in the U. S., measured against the cutting off of the flow of Jewish scholars from the yeshivas of central Europe.

A case can be made in Jewish history showing where God has always provided for his people, although He has seen them pass through the valley of the shadow of death any number of times. When the Jewish community of Spain was destroyed, a new foothold was established in Holland and in the New World and so on.

Cannot one say of the Jewish institutions of learning in the U. S. that they are taking up where the smoking embers of the European Yeshivas ended?

The Yiddish Press is Off Base

The attitude of the two leading names at the DAY, the Yiddish daily, towards the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF) in the case of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency is hard to reconcile with the facts. The conclusion is inescapable that the paper objects to action and favors chaos.

The theory on which Mordecai Danzils and Samuel Margoshes make their case is untenable. They contend that the CJFWF and its Big Cities Conference must give its reports on a national Jewish organization merely on the word of that organization and that the CJFWF has no right to demand an accounting.

This theory was long ago relegated to the place where it belonged when all the national agencies conceded that the CJFWF, which represents the Jewish communities of America, had a right to know where the money from those communities was going, what it was doing, what it accomplished.

Mr. Danzils calls this national budgeting, as if

by using that much-abused term, he thereby automatically wins his point.

POST readers know what happened in the case of the JTA. The CJFWF for months asked for a bona fide statement of condition of the JTA and a reorganization of the JTA board so that it would be representative. Both of these were forthcoming but not before the action—which the DAY objects to—was about to be taken. As the matter stands now, the CJFWF's Big Cities Conference is getting a thorough study of the situation in order to be able to make an intelligent decision.

Withholding of the funds by the member cities in the Big Cities Conference did not precipitate the critical situation of the JTA. And there is no question here whatever of freedom of the press.

If the DAY prefers chaos to orderly action in the American Jewish Community, let it so tell its readers.

Immigration Into Israel Regulated

The Jewish Frontier, organ of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, interprets the recent ruling of the Jewish Agency on immigration of Jews into Israel otherwise than does The POST.

The "Jewish Frontier" says that immigration is being restricted, and of course blames the U. S. Jewish public for failing to provide the funds to keep the doors of Israel open.

But it is shocking even to read such a statement. The Jewish Agency must have been in a state of frenzy when it allowed itself to reach such a conclusion.

And the Jewish Agency should immediately alter its decision.

Money from the U. S. or not, the doors of Israel cannot be closed to Jews. The flow of immigration should not be in any way artificially regulated. Any Jew at any time who wants to go to Israel must be allowed to enter.

The situation is almost as impossible as if the Knesset were to disavow belief in God. If David Ben-Gurion's Government allows the situation to continue, then it deserves to be unseated.

It is almost incomprehensible how Israel could have been led to take such action and the failure of any real protest to arise from the U. S. Jewish community betrays that community's guilt in the development.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

THE REQUESTS for the Camp Brandeis Bar Mitzvah service continue to pile up and I would use the word "amazing" again to describe it, except that what really is amazing is the number of requests that have come in for the Havdalah (ushering out of the Sabbath) service.

I say this because the Bar Mitzvah ceremony is universally used and everyone knows about it. But how many people know and are at all interested in the "Havdalah" ceremony?

The religious leadership of the U. S. should not ignore this phenomenon. I described the Bar Mitzvah service in detail and wrote about it in this corner on two occasions. I mentioned the Havdalah service only in one sentence and then as an aside. I did not describe it and I apologized for my brevity by saying I wasn't too familiar with the ceremony so I wouldn't comment on it.

THIS NEXT PIECE gives me a chance to make amends in a way for one of those errors that can creep into the pages—in this case it was an omission, not a commission—of a newspaper.

A year ago Albert K. Epstein died while on a visit to Israel. Now I knew Mr. Epstein well and I admired him. He, like many others, had been helpful to The Post, and at any Zionist affair, whether a national convention or on other important occasions, I would always run into him.

Our Chicago correspondent, at that time Asher Birnbaum, wired us the news of Mr. Epstein's sudden death on Wednesday several hours after The POST had already gone to press. Naturally there was nothing we could do about it, and of course we prepared a story for the following week.

As chance would have it, the story was misplaced in our printshop and it wasn't until several weeks later that I learned about it.

But now a monument is to be dedicated at the grave in Tel Aviv. Mrs. Epstein will attend, as also will the two children, Mrs. B. L. Sloan and Mr. Solomon Epstein. Mrs. Solomon Epstein will be there, as will be a sister, Mrs. Lena Epstein. Rabbi Morris Teller of Chicago's South Side Hebrew Congregation, will participate in the ceremonies, which will take place March 27.

The following day, at the Ha-

dera Agricultural School in Hadera, the Albert K. Epstein Chemical Laboratory will be dedicated. This laboratory is the gift of the Epstein family and the Chicago chapter of the Pioneer Women's Organization.

Mr. Epstein was a very successful Chicago chemist. Ben Harris, his partner, and he were always powerful factors in the Chicago Zionist region and in national Zionist circles. I knew him as a very mannerly person. He would have been the first to overlook the mishaps of publication which made the POST miss entirely the announcement of his death.

THE JEWISH CHRONICLE of Syracuse, N. Y., complains that it found out about the organization of a local group to support Brandeis University by reading the local dailies.

"Certainly," says the CHRONICLE, "such news should have been reported to the Chronicle, Syracuse's only Anglo-Jewish newspaper."

As long as human nature is what it is, too many Jews would prefer to read their names in the daily press as compared to the Anglo-Jewish press.

Fifteen or 20 years ago, the Anglo-Jewish press was ignored ever so blithely by every local Jewish organization from the annual drives for funds on down. One's name and one's activities in the daily press was the height of recognition of the fawning attitude prevalent in that day. Today, fortunately, that attitude has disappeared to a great extent and remains only among the older leadership.

Other than the just complaint of the Syracuse paper, there is also the matter of accuracy. The Indianapolis STAR, in reporting the appointment of a local Jewish person to the national committee of the Combined Campaign of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew College (sic) Jewish Institute of Religion, went on to explain matters this way:

"A nation-wide drive is being conducted for \$1,875,000 to aid Palestinian resettlement."

The Knesset moved to its third home in thirteen months this week when it transferred to the Froumine building here.

Portion of the Week

VARIKO

Sabbath "Vayikro" (Leviticus I-V). The third book of Moses is started in all the synagogues of Israel. The oldest name for the third book of Moses is "Torat kohanim" (the law of the priests), the book which describes the function of the Priesthood and the duties of the priest. "Vayikro" is from its opening Hebrew word, the current title Leviticus is derived from the Septuagint. One half of the book deals with sacrifices and the laws that safeguard the priestly character of Israel; and the other half with Holiness and the sanctification of human life. The haph-torah (Isaiah XLIII, 21-XLIV, 23) deprecates Israel's neglect of all worship. It is addressed to the Jews deported to Babylon after the first destruction of Jerusalem. Israel has been utterly careless of God; but He, for His own sake, forgives Israel's iniquities, redeems Jacob and will glorify Himself in Israel. Israel is an essential part of creation. By its

life and history, Israel is to set forth the existence of spiritual values and a Divine purpose in the Universe; without which spiritual values, life would be meaningless; and without which Divine purpose the material Universe would, morally speaking, be no better than primeval chaos.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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GREAT CHALLENGE AWAITS 100 RABBIS ORDAINED BY YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Editor, National Jewish Post:

A milestone has been reached in American Jewish Life, with the Chag Hasmicha of the Yeshiva University in New York. One hundred young men have been ordained as Orthodox Rabbis to assume leadership of Orthodox Jewish communities. Their school-room education has, up to a point, been completed. However, the practical education of these young men is just beginning, because they are now entering the greatest university in the world, the college of practical knowledge.

How many of these young men will achieve honors in this college also? This depends on the quality in the make-up of these young men, as so eloquently expressed by the late Rabbi Silber of Chicago, when he said at an installation of a young rabbi: "It is our duty to help a young rabbi get a nice position, but honor he must earn for himself." What a great truth is contained in this statement!

These hundred new rabbis can be classified into three categories:

1. A goodly number will be very happy to get a nice position which will afford them a good living. They will enjoy "peace of mind by surrender." They will surrender their duty and obligation to assert their leadership in the community for fear of jeopardizing their position, and will thus become a non-entity by contributing nothing.

2. Another group will suffer from an inferiority complex, and because of it, they will accentuate the negative. This group will always criticize and condemn other phases in Jewish life, and also will belittle their own senior rabbis, who in reality are the founders of the Yeshiva University.

Their former President, Dr. Revel, paid with his life to establish the enviable position occupied by the Yeshiva University, and those older rabbis have even today signed the Smicha of these new rabbis.

This group's inferiority and persecution complex also drives them to criticize, attack and smear even lay people, from the immunity of their pulpits, who have the courage of their convictions to disagree with them and assert themselves on issues that are vital for the preservation of traditional Orthodox Judaism.

3. On the third group rests our hopes. These young men will not look to the left, nor to the right; they will accentuate the positive in Torah True Judaism. This group will tell and show their worshippers and the world that Traditional Judaism lives; These hundred new rabbis will tomorrow be the Lieutenants, Captains and Colonels in the Jewish religious army. And, they are only from one seminary. There are many other seminaries, in New York, Baltimore, Chicago and in other cities.

Traditional Orthodox Judaism marches on, and this third group will follow the command of the Almighty as he said to Moses, "Daber El B'nei Yisroel V'Yesau" ("Tell Israel to go forward"). And they will lead their congregants forward to greater heights to the glory of Torah True Traditional Judaism. Thus, they will receive the respect and honor they earned, because they give respect and do honor to others.

HARRY SIMON
Louisville, Ky.

LAYMAN WANTS TO KNOW IF RABBIS REALLY THINK MINIMUM CODE WANTED

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Now that the "Tumult and the Shouting Dies" over one of our Rabbi's aggressiveness in jumping the gun in presenting a Religious Magna Carta, I wonder who our leaders would like to emancipate from their religious obligations? Is it necessary to make things easier for those who already have cast aside their religious shackles? Do they really believe that those who ride on Shabbos, partake of non-kashruth, etc. are burdened by any moral quirks or psychological inhibitions which will be soothed by Rabbinical sanction or acceptance? How naive! If we follow the would-be dictates of some of our Rabbis, Conservative Judaism would soon be identical with Reform Judaism. If this is what is desired, so be it.

One of the major weaknesses of the Conservative movement is the poor quality of many of its leaders. In order to have the courage of conviction, one must first have the necessary convictions. How can individual Rabbis be permitted to digress from uniformity and still leave an intact Conservatism? Small digressions soon lead to larger ones and hence should not be permitted.

No matter what the layman does he still feels the Rabbi should be a willing representative and a bulwark of traditional Jewish principles and living. He should not follow the crowd whose main interest is in the creation of larger and larger physical structures made even more impressive by its vast

emptiness during most of the year. We need Conservative leaders such as Rabbi Harry Jolt of Ventnor, New Jersey, who still believe that the primary purpose of a Synagogue is still religious. Here is a man who has taken an almost semi-reformed congregation and established by his own efforts, a daily minyan, Saturday afternoon services where none existed before; who has created a warm Friday night service, where attendance is constantly increasing and a unique Shabbas morning service for children where regular attendance is a requirement. Here is a builder of the future.

Our leadership instead of trying to elevate the people to a higher level of observance, wish to legislate so that they themselves can officially come down to a lower level. As the props are knocked down one by one, the general result will be a weaker religion and a weaker observance rather than a stronger one. One does not protect his home by knocking little holes in the fence here and there.

Rabbis and rebbetzin, gird up your loins. Bring forth fresh ideas, methods and means to improve your own spiritual structure. Don't hesitate to use other's ideas if they have proved successful. Know your congregants personally. Familiarize yourself with their problems. Be a leader, not a follower. Above all be sincere. Religious is your business. Do not let it be sidetracked.

DR. HENRY EISENBERG
Philadelphia, Pa.

A Proposal For Over-Long Letters

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Several words describe a POST department. Verbosity, prolixity are two high class words for the use of a great number of words where a small number will give the same meaning.

Your "Freedom of the Press" is too free with its space for loosely put thoughts and, by being so kind, you are letting your letter-writers become "hot air" artists.

I suggest that you have a limit on all such things of not more than one column of type (approximately 500 words) and then make a point of keeping the wordy ones inside the limit.

LOUIS GOLDFARB
Rock Island, Ill.

Ed Note: What do other POST readers think of Reader Goldfarb's 96-word solution for a perennially vexing problem? BG.

Hails Stand Against Nurse Yarmulkes

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I was particularly interested in the article in your paper dated March 10, relative to the resignation of Mrs. William Zelemyer of Utica, N. Y., in charge of the Community Nursery school there.

I heartily applaud and approve of her action in this regard, and don't blame her one bit for her refusal to subscribe to the recommendations of the committee in charge of this project. I wonder how many of the men on this committee ever put a skull cap on or make a "motze" before eating! The place for ritual of this kind is at home, and parents should set the example! Why "ghettoize" the nursery? More power to you, Irma Zelemyer! Your uncle is mighty proud of his niece.

MAX SOLOMON
Portland, Ore.

Fraud Charge Fired At Histadruth Ivrit

ATLANTA, Ga.—The Histadruth Ivrit, a national society for the promotion of Hebrew culture, was condemned last week for "unethical tactics" in the selling of advertising.

The denunciation was contained in an editorial in the SOUTHERN ISRAELITE, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, which said that "established Jewish weekly newspapers throughout America are denouncing in bold terms the unethical tactics used by the Histadruth Ivrit, Inc., of New York City."

The weeklies were reported to have accused the organization of clipping ads appearing in their papers and sending bills "to thousands of business firms, demanding payment."

"Considerable confusion has resulted from this nefarious practice, and many of our advertisers throughout the South reported to us having received bills from them with clippings attached from this newspaper," the editorial said.

The editorial demanded the elimination of the Histadruth Ivrit from the allocations lists of Jewish federations and welfare funds in the South.

KOSHER FOR PESACH

JERUSALEM — Special Passover food will be sent to the police party on Mount Scopus, according to a decision of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

RABBI SCHULTZ REMINDED TALMUD WARNS OF COMPANY ONE KEEPS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

... Once upon a time, the institution of the Rabbinate was set up, to function as the leaders of Jewish thought and in Jewish life. Naturally, these Rabbis were not to be entrusted with so great a glory as Jewish legislation without a disciplinary rein, for Rabbis too are but human. So a handbook of rules for Rabbis was compiled and Rabbis were to do accordingly. They were expected to interpret biblical exegesis, to explicate the meaning of certain expositions, to explore and expound and explain and in general, direct life into more purposeful, more contented channels. And that is exactly what they did, at the beginning, that is. Nevertheless, even though things do change, those Rabbis of old managed to compose and compile a literature that remains unexcelled to this day.

Perhaps they did too much though, for the good of the Rabbis of the following generations. All that the succeeding rabbis were left with was merely the perpetuation of the works of the earlier ones. That indeed was bad planning. For a Rabbi with a normal-sized tongue, an overgrown ego, an outsized ambition and with too much idle time—can you think of a greater bane? "Vutzei is er a driter."

That however applies only to ordinary Rabbis. With Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, the ante is raised; he is the "tzvei" who attracts "dem dritten," be he a horse of any or all colors, except red, of course. The American Legion says red don't look good on Jews. It's too bad they didn't find it out when six millions of Jews were literally covered with red (blood) by Hitler. But what the heck, one doesn't look a gift horse in the mouth, honor is honor whether with dishonor or not. So now we have a crusading Rabbi, too, one who has become color-blind, otherwise he would see mostly plainly the brown and black background behind the red. At any rate, our Rabbi Schultz has become a member of the clan to end all clans and has joined the fight against (the revolution) along with such liberal, right-minded persons as the Hon. Jack B. Tenney, the gallant knight who stands guard in Los Angeles, and the equally honorable,

the Hon. Karl E. Mundt, of Mundt-Nixon fame, who is the keeper of the keys to Constitutional freedom and liberty in the state of South Dakota where on a recent visit I noted that the signs "for white only" still on the doors leading to the inner sanctum sanctorums of all toilets...

Now I attended the American Legion meeting recently at which a past national commander came to talk, and enlist support for the Legion's fight to vacate a chapter of the Hoover Commission report. And I can tell the cock-eyed world, had I closed my eyes and just listened, I would have just as honestly sworn that Hitler was doing the talking except that Adolph would have roared with an accent...

In Sifre Debarim, 1, 27, Rabbi Schultz, it says that "a man does not know what is in the heart of his neighbor." And in Sanhedrin 76b, we are admonished to "beware of him who gives advice according to his own interests." Kallah Rabbati, 3, contains this caution; "he who consorts with immoral people is himself immoral." In Yoma, 9, we are reminded that "the Temple was destroyed because of unfounded hatred." And in Sotah, 42a, we are advised that "a community in which hypocrisy exists is disgusting." But above all, as a Rabbi, you should know the truth of this "be rather a head to a fox than a tail to a lion." Abot, 4, 20.

Is it a Rabbi's place to rabble-rouse, no matter what the policy of the State may be for the moment? And ought not a Rabbi to be sure first before he decides? Are you sure you are doing the right thing in furthering a hysteria that can lead but to war and slaughter? Are you sure that America is really threatened by Russia? Ought you not to weigh American policy in Germany, American flirtation with Franco, and American silence on Fascism against her all-out war on a political party that still remains legal on our national books? Ought you not know more about those whom you have joined in unholiness?

LILLIAN R. OTT
Chicago.

PASSOVER EVE FALLS ON SHABBAS THIS YEAR; WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In view of the fact that the Eve of Passover—Erev Pesach—occurs this year on the Sabbath—April 1—the Bet Din sees fit to call the attention of the community to the following traditional observances due to this special circumstance:

1. The ceremony of the searching of the leaven is to take place Thursday evening, March 30, after sundown.

2. The burning of the leaven takes place Friday after 11 a.m. (The recital of the prayer Kiol Hamira is made on the following day).

3. Taanit B'Korim on Thursday. The ritual of the redemption of the first-born takes place at the conclusion of the morning service on Thursday.

4. In order to avoid a violation of Passover dietary laws, we recommend that the meals beginning on Friday evening should conform with Passover laws. The Sabbath luncheon must certainly be Pesach-dig. However, Matzoh

is not to be eaten all day Saturday until the Seder.

The Chicago Council of the Rabbinical Assembly of America

Work Started On Acre Marshlands

JERUSALEM, — Jewish and Arab laborers have begun work on a five-year plan to convert 40,000 dunams of marshland east and southeast of Acre into malaria-free fertile soil. The Naaman River is being deepened and widened. A new reservoir in Wadi Hilazun near Birwa will have capacity for six million cubic meters of water. Four million cubic meters will be kept for irrigation purposes, while the balance will carry away seasonal floodwaters to the Mediterranean.

A Mizrahi settlement of 100 families was established this week in the Jerusalem corridor.

The World Of Books

JEWISH STATUS IN MEDIEVAL GERMANY BETTER THAN SUPPOSED

THE JEWS IN MEDIEVAL GERMANY, By Guido Kisch, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 655 pages, \$10.

HISTORICA JUDAICA, edited by Guido Kisch, Vol. XI (1949, numbers 1 and 2) Historica Judaica, New York, 175 pages, \$5.

By WARD MOORE

THE maturity of American Jews can be measured in part by its unsentimental interest in the Jewish past and its support of scholarly works dealing with Jewish history. As the largest Jewish community in the world and the most important in the Diaspora, there is no reason why we should not play the part of a Twentieth Century Alexandria, accepting the leadership of Israel while making philosophic and cultural contributions to the body of Jewish learning.

Explorations of Jewish history serve a multiple purpose, for it is a field where the average cultivated man, Jew and Gentile alike, is monumentally ignorant. For those whose interest has not been sharpened or directed, Jewish history represents a vast blank from 70 CE to 1933. A few names like those of Maimonides, Sabbatai Zvi, or Herzl may stand out vaguely, but the general notion is that for 2,000 years our history was confined to submergence beneath the level of notice, only breaking the surface for an

expulsion, pogrom, or individual apostasy.

THE CONCOMITANT of this ignorance is contempt on the part of the Gentile and pridelessness leading to assimilationism on the part of the Jew. Integration and preservation of Jewish identity rests primarily of course upon obedience to the law, but the recognition that we have done other things in the past 20 centuries beside dealing in old clothes or shining brilliantly in Gentile culture after baptism, is certainly something of a brake upon the assimilative tendency. Conversely the understandable, though occasionally undignified, desire to be understood and appreciated by our Gentile neighbors, is helped rather than hindered by calling attention (in some fashion other than getting footnotes on Haym Salomon into school textbooks) to the Jewish part in the human procession.

Prof. Guido Kisch has done admirably, both as historian and editor. "The Jews in Medieval Germany" is a thorough and painstaking exploration of the legal status of the Jews in the feudal world. Feudalism in its pure state had no place for any but Christians, since the chain of authority led from the Pope down to the lowest serf; however for both religious and economic reasons church and state wanted

Rabbi's Prize Poems Published This Week

NEW YORK—Rabbi Judah Stampfer's prize-winning first volume of poems, "Jerusalem Has Many Faces" was published by Farrar Strauss this week.

The book includes several poems about Israel's War of Independence, in which the 28-year-old rabbi fought for 14 months. Ludwig Lewisohn wrote the introduction.

Jews in the social structure. The attempt at integration was never successful nor complete; and endless series of compromises and palliations were put forth, retracted and modified.

THE CHURCH WANTED the Jews around, not only as the butt of conversionist activities, or as horrible examples, but because its theology demanded a remnant of those who rejected the "new dispensation" in order to fulfill New Testament prophecies. The feudal rulers found Jews convenient as physicians, moneylenders, advisers, ambassadors to the Islamic states, and as safety valve for the enthusiasm of their subjects. Both church and rulers wanted the Jews protected—but not too protected. The trick was to integrate them just enough to make them useful but not enough to make them secure.

Prof. Kisch shows that the Jewish social position between the fall of Rome and the Middle Ages was not as degraded as the layman generally assumes. The touchstone of Medieval recognition of social position above the lowest level was the wearing of a sword and the right to bear arms in the service of the sovereign. "... in a scene pictured from about the middle of the fourteenth century, an armed Jew wearing his Jews' hat is

Independent Drive In U. S. Planned

Israel Yemenite MP Charges Bias Against Yemen Migrants

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A Yemenite member of the Israel Parliament, now in the United States, charged this week that Yemenite refugees in Israel were the victims of discrimination and said plans were underway to launch an independent drive in the United States for the Moslem Jews.

He said that the American Committee for the Relief of the Yemenite Jews would start a \$1,000,000 drive in this country to back a program of aid to those Jews.

WILL DEFY BAN

He charged that the Jewish Agency for Palestine had placed a ban on such a drive but indicated that the organization would go ahead with it anyway.

Gluska said the Jewish Agency would "like to see the Yemenites—soon to number 100,000—reduced to a community of hewers

clearly distinguishable in the group of armed men standing before a castle. Like all other persons in this picture, the Jew also bears a weapon which, like the weapons of the other members of the expedition, was a halberd, not a sword. The duty of the Jews to take part in the Gerichtsfolge (carrying out the orders of a court against peace-breakers) is thus firmly established."

But armed Jews were inconvenient, especially on those occasions when they met rampaging crusaders on something like equal terms and defeated them in battle; gradually these rights and others were whittled away. The important aspect of Prof. Kisch's study, however, is that it shows that such rights existed, that they were not abrogated overnight and that vestiges of them remained for centuries.

of wood and drawers of water." Agency officials promptly denied the charge and said that along with the Joint Distribution Committee, the Agency made special efforts for the Yemenite refugees.

The Jewish Agency said that "the dramatic removal of the entire Jewish community of Yemen—40,000 souls—to Israel" was done through the two agencies.

GETTING MORE

The Yemenites are now getting "larger rations and priorities in colonization and housing over other national groups entering Israel," the Agency said.

At the same time, Judge Morris Rothenberg, national chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, said that \$17,500,000 is being spent for the initial rehabilitation of the 40,000 Yemenite Jews in Israel.

Gluska asserted that ten large organizations and many other sub-organizations whose members are recipients of United Jewish Appeal funds from the Jewish Agency in Israel "and with no greater immediate needs than those of the Yemenite Organization, were singled out by the Agency and granted permission to conduct their special campaigns in America."

The charge was the latest development in a series of battles involving fund-raising for Orthodox Jews in Israel.

LZOA Conclave Set For May 26

BOSTON—The tri-annual convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America will be held here May 26-30, Baruch Zuckerman, LZOA president, said this week.

The convention will be held at the Bradford hotel and will include a public mass meeting May 28.

The conclave also will celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States.

Levine Named Head of JNF

NEW YORK—(WNS)—At the annual meeting of the Jewish National Fund of America, held here last week, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Zionist leader, was unanimously elected president, succeeding Judge Morris Rothenberg, who resigned to assume leadership of the United Palestine Appeal.

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"HISTORIC JUDAICA" contains a series of varied monographs. I cannot emphasize too strongly that though these are works of scholarship, they are of great interest and importance to the layman.

While the titles of some may be pedantic or forbidding, the monographs themselves are certainly not. "Was Marx an anti-Semite?" settles that question once and for all—in the affirmative. "The Jews of Germany as a National Minority" reveals a generally neglected aspect of the prologue of the Great Martyrdom.

"Historica Judaica" renders an essential service of research and exposition. That such a magazine can be published for 11 years in the United States demonstrates that American Jews can, on occasion, be interested in something besides whether Dinah Shore is a Jew or Max Baer is not.

The U. S. Department of Commerce reports that Israel has placed orders in the United States for 4,172 motor vehicles.

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WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE FOR GREATEST JEWISH ATHLETE OF HALF-CENTURY?

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

During the first few weeks of 1950, the Associated Press, in an interesting series of polls (all of which won lots of newspaper space—which was the idea in the first place) asked a number of sports writers around the country for their opinions as to who was the best boxer, baseball player, football player, etc., of the past 50 years. The winners were obvious choices, like Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth, Jim Thorpe, etc.

It now strikes this department to institute a poll of a sort concerning Jewish athletes, even though the field is more limited. Who is the greatest Jewish athlete of the last 50 years? It is not too easy a question to answer, in spite of the fact that there haven't been so many great Jewish athletes. For example, was it Benny Leonard, of whom Arthur Brisbane once said, "Benny Leonard has done more to wipe out anti-Semitism than a thousand textbooks"? Or was it Barney Ross, not as great as Leonard in the ring, but a symbol of courage both in boxing and in the U. S. Marines? Or was it Hank Greenberg, a home-run slugger and now a topnotch front-office official?

There are others, including Joe Choynski, the fighter who, although never more than a 170-pounder, ranks as one of the best heavyweights in history; and Johnny Kling, one of the best catchers in the entire history of baseball; and Nat Holman, the number one boy in basketball and any number of other athletes who made minor stirs in their time but who, for one reason or another, remain firmly entrenched in the minds of those who followed their exploits. For example, a meteor-like career like Al Singer's or Benny Bass', both good fighters, excited many Jewish immigrants, new in this country but happy that their fellow Jews were making an impact on what was then considered to be exclusively American civilization.

No doubt most of the votes would go to a handful of men, including Leonard, Ross, Luckman, Greenberg and perhaps one or two others. We'd like to know what you think and when the votes are in, we'll offer a series of pieces on those with the greatest number of mentions. If the readership is sufficiently interested, we'll also go ahead with the naming of the "Athlete of the Month," with the reasons for the accolade and with background information concerning the winners.

So let's hear from you. This column is intended to offer the sort of information you want to read.

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It is obvious that in the early stages of the baseball season, with rookies getting most of the headlines (after all, what more can one say about Ted Williams and Co. after one calls them great?) that some of the newcomers will make the grade and others will fade into oblivion. Yet the presses of the nation are busily grinding out pap about all shapes and sizes of players.

For Jewish sport fans an occasional story has particular interest. For example, Harold Rosenthal of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, has come up with an interesting tale about Cal Abrams, the Jewish hopeful with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Inasmuch as Carl Furillo and Duke Snider are set in the outfield, Abrams is fighting with a handful of capable athletes for the third spot in the Brook pastures. He certainly has a good minor league record, which has been mentioned in this column before. But Rosenthal has dug up this information: Cal, up for his third, and perhaps final, fling in the majors, is something of a linguist, knowing French, Spanish and the Filipino dialect or Tagalog. He picked up this last language while serving as an Army MP in the Philippines. Cal has won all-star recognition in every minor league in which he has played. Last year he made the Texas League all-star team; and he has never batted less than .327 a season. He lives in Levittown, L. I. on Jerusalem street, and remains a pretty good bet, at this writing, to stay with the club, although he can still be optioned out one more time.

THE LAST TIME the Brooks had a decent Jewish player, they found that plenty of fans cheered for him; he was Goody Rosen. But when Abrams broke in last year he received no special sympathy. In spite of John McGraw's dream that a Jewish player would make a fortune for the New York Giants, the time has apparently come when the fans judge a man



RIBALOW

Stern is a Jew (he is, but doesn't boast about it) or whether Mike Jacobs is a Jew (he is).

Yet men like Nat Fleischer do contribute to the sport, and men like Fleischer will continue to receive mention in columns like this one. On the other hand, the fact that Lester Bromberg, N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM AND SUN boxing expert is a Jew or that Dan Daniel, the same paper's baseball pundit is a Jew, means very little except to those who are merely collecting Jewish names. For example, we used to read in various sports columns about Toots Shor and his being Jewish. The POST in a recent issue revealed that a Yiddish newspaperman discovered that Shor's kids are brought up in their mother's faith—Catholicism. That in our book, doesn't make him the kind of a Jew to write about in columns like this.

Turkey Soccer Team Downs Israel Foes

TEL AVIV—Turkey's Fenerbach soccer team defeated Israel teams in two games this week. The Tel Aviv Hapoel went down 3-0 in a match attended by 10,000 people in Jaffa and the Petach Tikva Hapoel was bested 5-3.

The 16-man team from Istanbul arrived in Israel aboard an El Al ship, the first Israel plane to fly the Israel-Istanbul line.

U. S. Survey Planned Of Hebrew Knowledge

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Commission on Hebrew Language and Culture announced this week that Prof. Oscar Janowsky of the City College of New York will supervise "an exhaustive survey" to determine the extent of Hebrew language knowledge and cultural activity in the United States.

Chairman Louis Levinthal, former president of the Zionist Organization of America, said the survey will take all of 1950 to complete.

The survey will be the first step in the Commission's effort to develop a program to promote the study and use of Hebrew in the United States and to popularize Hebrew culture, Levinthal said.

Italian Ilse Koch Arrested In Rome

ROME—(WNS)—Paula Platner, former commander of an Italian concentration camp for Jewish women near the city of Balsono, has been arrested as a war criminal, it was reported last week.

The woman is accused of having tortured the Jewish women under her command as cruelly as the infamous Ilse Koch of Germany, who made lamp shades of human skin.

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Peoria Street Incident Reaches Court

Judge Hit For Slam At Victims Of Chicago Anti-Jewish Riot

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—A municipal court judge was severely condemned this week for a statement from the bench criticizing the victims of the anti-Negro, anti-Jewish "Peoria Street incident" of last November.

One Chicago daily and the local office of the American Jewish Congress asserted that a dangerous anti-racial riot had occurred and that the jurist was completely misled in his statement.

The incident, which received little attention from the Chicago daily press at the time, centered on a two-flat building at 5643 So. Peoria St., purchased a short time earlier by Aaron Bindman, a union official.

NEGRO RUMORS

The presence of several Negroes at a union meeting at Bindman's home the night of Nov. 8 sparked rumors that Negroes had bought the building and were moving in.

Crowds gathered, several clashes occurred in the street and missiles were thrown at the Bindman home. Bindman and his family were threatened and reviled as Jews.

Early police handling of the crowds was casual and ineffective, with fist fights proceeding unhindered almost under the nose of policemen sent to keep order. Eventually, under various pressures, including that of the Commission on Human Relations, several arrests were made.

Last week, as Municipal Judge Joseph H. McGarry freed three men, among more than a score who were arrested, he issued a statement from the bench which amazed all who had been close observers of the incident.

A CONSPIRACY

Judge McGarry denied there had been any serious trouble, blaming the affair on "a miserable conspiracy, hatched and put into effect by a small but highly organized and vocal band of subversive agents, professional agitators and saboteurs."

He said this group was "bent on creating and furthering racial and religious incidents in this quiet neighborhood for the purpose of discrediting the city government, the police department, the courts and the people who reside in this district."

MAYOR DISAGREES

At the same time that the municipal judge was lauding the police for their "great skill" in handling the situation, Mayor Martin H. Kennelly was telling a police officers training school in human relations that "the recent Peoria street incident of near-riot has pointed the way for the need of studying the problem."

Rabbi Morton M. Berman, Chicago division president of the

American Jewish Congress, blasted Judge McGarry's opinion in a letter to the Chicago TRIBUNE.

"Judge McGarry's opinion... is a threat to the constructive steps Mayor Kennelly has recently taken to prevent a recurrence of racial violence in our city... The Judge wove out of whole cloth a story of the incident in flat contradiction to the facts as officially reported by the mayor's commission on human relations... At a minimum, Judge McGarry did the city a disservice by attempting to treat the Peoria street affair as anything other than the product of serious racial tensions and hates."

The SUN-TIMES, Chicago liberal morning daily, editorially accused the judge of "deplorable ignorance."

VERY IGNORANT

"Judge McGarry dismissed the principal defendants who were charged with disorderly conduct," the editorial said. "The nature of the evidence may have warranted the dismissal... But after examining the transcript of the testimony given before Judge McGarry, we are convinced that nothing whatever warranted Judge McGarry's expressions of opinion on the nature of the case he was dealing with."

The editorial described the judge's summation of the case as a subversive conspiracy as a "fairy story," and said that the jurist's "erroneous statement from the bench betrays a reckless disregard for the public welfare."

Silver Main Speaker At HUC FETE Day

CINCINNATI — Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver will deliver the main address at Founder's Day ceremonies March 25 at the Hebrew Union College here as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Reform seminary.

Sharing the platform with Rabbi Silver, an HUC graduate, will be his son, Daniel J. Silver, a third-year student at HUC, who will read the service.

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Secular Israeli Want U.S. Reform To Fight Orthodox, Says Feldman

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A top U. S. Reform leader said this week that Jewish communal leaders in Israel asked him, on his visit there last summer, to continue the U. S. Reform fight against the control by the Orthodox rabbinate over non-Orthodox Israeli Jews.

The disclosure was made by Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn., immediate past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, in a report in the current issue of "Liberal Judaism." The periodical is the official organ of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, congregational body of U. S. Reform.

The issue was raised more than a year ago when it became generally known that the Orthodox rabbinate had complete control over personal status of Israeli Jews, covering such matters as marriage, divorce, inheritance and dietary law. There is no civil marriage or divorce in Israel.

FIGHT BY CCAR

Refusal by the Orthodox rabbinate to concede any rabbinical status to non-Orthodox rabbis drew the wrath of U. S. Reform Judaism and was formally challenged by Dr. Feldman in his presidential address at the CCAR convention last June.

In that address, Dr. Feldman charged that despite disavowals of theocratic tendencies by the Minister of Religions in the Israeli cabinet and by the Chief Rabbi, there was a refusal to give religious freedom to the Reform Jewish communities in Israel.

"No Jews ought to be constrained as to their methods and forms of worship which is precisely the position of the Jewish religious Liberals there," Dr. Feldman told the 60th annual convention of the CCAR. "They are being forced into the straightjacket of a strict and legalistic interpretation of Judaism and are being subjected to the indignity of being compelled to conform in such matters as marriage and divorce. Unless they conform, marriages are illegal and divorces are impossible." (NJP, June 24, 1949).

THEY HATE IT

In the "Liberal Judaism" statement, Rabbi Feldman disclosed there had been a vigorous response from Orthodox Jews to his CCAR speech.

"From the press clippings which came to me from all over the world, I noted that Orthodox everywhere reacted most violently to what I said," he reported. "The very virulence of the attack upon me indicated that I touched upon a very sore spot and frankly, I felt flattered by the very abusiveness of that attack."

He said when he arrived in Israel, he discussed the matter with government officials.

"I found that most of them agreed with my diagnosis of the problem but explained the historical and extenuating circumstances which caused the problem," he said.

KEEP IT UP

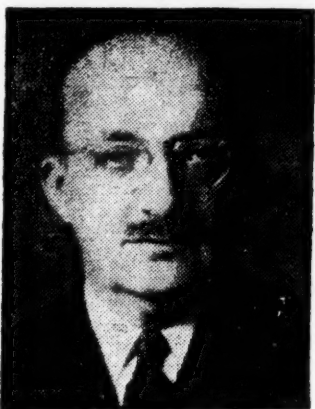
He said that when he discussed the problem with Jewish community leaders, who had no government responsibilities, the majority told him "be patient; what you say is correct; your observations are true; but give us a chance to become established and we shall deal with the problem in due time."

Rabbi Feldman said he was referring directly to notes in his diary in giving the "exact words" of people in positions of leadership but not in the government:

"Keep up the agitation, keep on needing us so as to keep the need for religious liberalism in public view and thus help crystallize a public opinion for the time when the drafting of a constitution will be taken up seriously."

WHY THE DELAY

The Hartford rabbi contended



DR. A. J. FELDMAN
The Fight Goes On

that the main reason for delay in organizing and ratifying a constitution for Israel was the desire of the present Labor-controlled government to avoid a showdown with the Religious Bloc, which has joined with Mapai in a coalition government.

"I am quite confident, as a result of my discussions with people in Israel, that Mapai and others are eager to break the stranglehold of ecclesiastical law, but at the moment they have other, more important things to worry about," he asserted.

STRANGLEHOLD

"To attempt to break the stranglehold of the Chief Rabbinate now would cause a tremendous disturbance in the land, and could if it were attempted, even wreck the state," he said. "That is why no attempt is being made at the moment to present a constitution because no constitution could be adopted in Israel that would not provide for the separation of synagogue and State."

Rabbi Feldman said that between the secularists and the fanatically Orthodox, were the "great majority of the people of the land who want religious motivation without ecclesiasticism. They are waiting and are letting first things have priority."

He said that reports that perhaps a majority of Israeli Jews are non-religious were inaccurate.

ONLY ONE KIND

"To them religion, Judaism, means only Orthodox Judaism," he said. "Most of them do not want to be Orthodox and since they know little about being formally religious without being Orthodox, they—with the exception of marriage and circumcision—just do not observe Orthodoxy and therefore call themselves non-religious."

He said the majority were restless under the religious control of the Orthodox and Orthodoxy "and in their personal lives are discarding it."

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Southern ADL Leaders Decide Caution Vital In Any Jewish Fight Against Negro Segregation

ATLANTA—An innocuous resolution on the issue of Negro segregation was approved by southern Anti-Defamation League leaders after a discussion dominated by those favoring a cautious approach to Jewish leadership in that fight, it was reported last week.

The Southern ISRAELITE, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, describing the attitudes of the ADL region board members, reported that they "trode gingerly on the fragile 'libertarian' path, bordered perilously on one side by new hatred and on the other by 'sleeping dogs' issues."

As an example, the weekly cited the handling of a model state bill to prohibit discrimination in public places. The proposed bill, approved at the meeting, would define discrimination as denial of admission to any person "not otherwise prohibited by law," a definition which

would leave untouched all of the areas of formal segregation of Negroes.

The story said that the definition "was an outright concession to the effort of the board to reach a 'realistic and yet progressive decision' on the highly controversial racial issues of the South."

"It was pointed out that a Jewish-paced attempt to overthrow the segregation tradition in the South would not only be futile at this time, but would surely backfire," the weekly reported. "Whereas, if such bills as the model one recommended are on the public statutes, then they will be found to be all effective once presented hatred legislation is nullified."

The ADL board recommended the proposed bill for the state Civil Rights Commission.

N. Y. Yeshiva Closes For Lack of Funds

NEW YORK (WNS)—The New York Jewish community was stunned this week by a report that the Yeshiva Rabeinu David Leibowitz, of Brooklyn, with a registration of 200 pupils, had been forced to close its doors for lack of funds.

Founded seven years ago with about seven children, the Yeshiva grew into one of the largest and finest Jewish educational institutions. Only recently the institution celebrated the dedication of a new \$70,000 structure. The financial crisis came to a head when seventeen teachers who had not been paid for 22 weeks declared they were no longer able to go without remuneration.

Rabbi Eliezer Cohen, principal, confirmed the teachers' claim, declaring the drastic step of closing the institution was taken after all efforts at raising funds had been exhausted.

A year ago 70 per cent of all medical drugs were imported and 30 per cent manufactured in Israel. The figures are now reversed.

ISRAEL-JORDAN PACT SIGNING FORECAST FOR EARLY MAY

World Wide News Services

JERUSALEM—Official signing of an Israel-Jordan pact early in May was forecast in informed circles here on the basis of a number of important developments this week.

Chief among them was the reported determination by King Abdullah to reach a "decent solution" immediately after the April elections in Jordan. The fact that the negotiations have been adjourned pending the election is taken as an indication of agreement on major issues.

Another development showing a strong trend toward a settlement with Israel was a blast delivered over the Ramallah broadcasting station against the Arab League and its members. Made in the name of King Abdullah, the broadcaster referred to the military weakness of the Arab states in the League and asked how the Arab League hoped to solve the Palestine problem if not via direct negotiations with Israel.

An earlier report from Damascus to the effect that a non-aggression pact had been signed aboard a British destroyer by King Abdullah and Israel Prem-

Reconstructionists Invited To Join U.S. Reform Movement

National Jewish Post

DAYTON, O.—Reconstructionists this week were invited to bring their movement into the Reform wing of U. S. Judaism in an address by Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Baltimore.

Speaking before a meeting of the Ohio Valley Council of the (Reform) Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Shusterman recommended that committee from the UAHC and the (Reform) Central Conference of American Rabbis confer with Reconstructionist leaders on the possibility of a merger.

Rabbi Shusterman mentioned Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist movement, and Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago's Temple Anshe



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Emet, in issuing the invitation. Speaking on the same theme, Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati said that Conservatism was slowly changing into reform Judaism. He said the Conservative movement was now in the first stage of Reform and would

soon pass into the second stage. Rabbi Heller urged a series of conferences and meetings and declared that he felt it was possible to create unity within American Judaism.

The Cincinnati Reform leader said that he did not believe Orthodoxy could maintain itself in the United States. He said that authority for change in Orthodoxy may come from Israel.

Leonard J. Stern of Columbus was re-elected chairman of the Ohio Valley Council and Dr. Leon Saks of Cincinnati, vice chairman. Dr. Saks is chairman of the Cincinnati chapter of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism.

Compromise Settles Israel School Fight

JERUSALEM—A compromise formula appeared this week to have settled the broiling fight between religious and non-religious elements in Israel over control of education for children.

The specific battle arose over the problem of education of children of religious immigrants in the transit camps.

An amendment to the national education law, to implement the compromise, has already received its first reading in the Israel Parliament.

The amendment provides that the clause in the national school law, which recognizes four distinct types of party school systems, will not apply to the immigrant camps.

The Israel Minister of Education will operate the schools in the camps which now offer both religious and non-religious schooling. The effect of the ruling is to assure the Religious Bloc that Orthodox children will get a traditional education.

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